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News worth sharing.



BIEBS IS BACK!

Canadian singer Justin Bieber arrives at the Cannes festival palace to take part in the NRJ Music awards ceremony, in Cannes, France. Bieber announced a four-month concert tour including dates in Calgary and Edmonton. **More details, page 31.** LIONEL CIRONEAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Taxi groups
want meter
fare rate hike**

Cost of living. Livery chair, union head say cabbies have difficulty making ends meet



Get ready to dig a little deeper in those pockets, as that cab ride home could soon cost you more.

Len Bellingham, chair of the Calgary Livery Association and a member of the taxi and limousine advisory committee, said a proposal will come forward in July to bump

fare rates for all city cab companies.

It's not clear what the formal hike proposal will be, but Bellingham believes five per cent would be fair.

"Our drivers haven't had an increase for four years (as of) next month," he said.

But Rajiv Kapil, with the Calgary Cab Drivers Association, believes a proper hike may be double that.

"Drivers are having difficulty with all their overhead costs," he said.

Analysis of current fares in major Canadian cities reveals Calgary's charges are about average. It costs local customers about \$10.60 for a five-kilometre cab ride — that's

about 30 cents more than in Winnipeg, but \$1.70 cheaper than Saskatoon.

A 10 per cent hike would likely be considered negligible for customers travelling by cab within Calgary's core, but could run up additional costs of \$5 or more for those travelling to the outskirts.

Ald. Ray Jones is unsure whether a fare hike is necessary, but said charging more at specific times of day — namely peak bar-service hours at night — could entice more cabbies to work less favourable shifts.

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**Space flight
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Calgarians can experience a first-of-its-kind HD digital experience **PAGE 6**

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Provincial government says it remains open to talks with protesting youth **PAGE 14**

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MLAs elect new speaker

Gene Zwozdesky — former cabinet minister, music conductor and Ukrainian dancer — was literally dragged to his chair Wednesday to become the new Speaker of the Alberta legislature.

The 63-year-old Progressive Conservative MLA won the majority of votes cast by all MLAs in secret balloting on the floor of the chamber.

The only other candidate was Liberal house leader Laurie Blakeman.

As per parliamentary tradition, Zwozdesky was then mock-dragged by Premier Alison Redford and Opposition Wildrose party Leader Danielle Smith from his caucus seat to the ornate mahogany throne at the south end of the chamber.

He put up particularly fierce "resistance" as Redford, at one elbow, and Smith, on the other, hauled him up the final few steps to the Speaker's chair while the other MLAs laughed and cheered.

"I'm both humbled and privileged by your support," Zwozdesky told the house.

"I will do my very utmost to ensure we maintain that level of support in the assembly."

He said his priorities as Speaker will be to remain impartial, raise the profile of both his post and that of the assembly, and to "maintain and, where possible, improve the civility and decorum in this house that we all know, love, and respect."

Eighty-six members voted Wednesday — Education Minister Jeff Johnson was absent. The exact totals were not announced. There was one spoiled ballot.

Zwozdesky's new job will be to oversee the activities of the legislature assembly, keeping order during debates and question period, and making sure the rules and precedents are followed.

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Alberta. Crown appeals McConnell manslaughter conviction for killing sons

The Alberta Crown is appealing the manslaughter conviction of an Australian woman who drowned her two young sons in the family bathtub.

Allyson McConnell was originally charged with second-degree murder, but was convicted last month of the lesser charge.

Alberta Justice is seeking to have the conviction changed to second-degree murder or for another trial to be held.



Allyson McConnell

McConnell is to be sentenced for manslaughter on June 4.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Royals. Duke, Duchess of Cambridge write to Slave Lake year after wildfire

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have reached out to residents of Slave Lake, noting their strength one year after wildfires destroyed much of the town.

William and Catherine sent a letter to the community expressing their greetings and best wishes.

"One year on from the disastrous fire that ravaged your town, Catherine and I send you, the people of Slave Lake, our heartfelt best wishes,

in the hope and knowledge that through your fortitude and unquenchable spirit the recovery of your beautiful town is progressing well," the prince wrote in a letter postmarked St. James's Palace.

The royal couple toured the devastated town last July. In their letter, Will and Kate also say they remember and admire how the town met this great challenge of nature. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Charges laid in fatal Trans-Canada hit-and-run

Suspect. Accused was sought by police for weeks following incident



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Police say a chance encounter allowed them to arrest and subsequently charge a young adult in relation to a fatal hit-and-run earlier this month.

On May 3 around 10:30 p.m., a Kia Sedona struck a Grand Am on the Trans-Canada Highway. A girl, 10-year-old Morley resident Eleasha Evangelina Wesley, was ejected from the vehicle and later died.

The Sedona fled the scene.

For weeks, police had attempted to track down a key suspect that anonymous sources allege had been driving the vehicle.

"The issue that we have had is because Morley is a very close-knit community, for whatever reason, they (sources)

Fergus Matthew Hunter

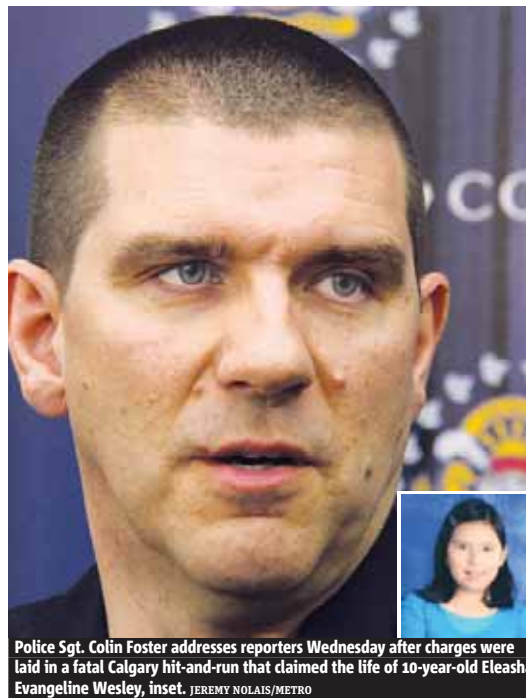
- Fergus Matthew Hunter is scheduled to appear via closed-circuit television in Calgary Thursday morning.
- Hunter was out on bail in relation to other criminal matters related to an altercation in Morley in November that left four people with life-threatening injuries.

were not willing to go on record," said police Sgt. Colin Foster Wednesday.

Finally, an RCMP officer spotted fellow Morley resident Fergus Matthew Hunter, 19, in Cochrane Tuesday.

He was brought in for questioning and police formally laid charges of hit-and-run and dangerous operation of a motorized vehicle.

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Police Sgt. Colin Foster addresses reporters Wednesday after charges were laid in a fatal Calgary hit-and-run that claimed the life of 10-year-old Eleasha Evangelina Wesley, inset. JEREMY NOLAÏS/METRO



NEWS

On the web

Hoist on his own heist

A man whose camcorder was briefly stolen has found a way to get back at the suspected thief: He uploaded to YouTube a video that the suspect took with the camera, a clip in which the man reveals his name, shows his face and admits he stole the camera. Watch at metronews.ca

Mobile news



It's not all bad news for Facebook this week. A recent project that monitors hate postings on social-media sites has given the popular site an A- and YouTube a C-. Scan the code for more.

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New slogan ensures our city will 'Be part of the energy'

Calgary's new brand. CED, Tourism Calgary and Mayor Nenshi believe it will put us on the path to economic growth

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Calgary Economic Development believes it's time to "Be part of the energy."

Bruce Graham, president and CEO of Calgary Economic Development, said the new slogan — announced yesterday during the organization's report to the community — helps build momentum in achieving the goal of fuelling Calgary's economic growth.

"The brand is colourful, visually intriguing and frankly it depicts the energy

of our city," said Graham as he introduced the new Calgary Economic Development brand identity.

The new slogan, adopted by CED and Tourism Calgary, replaces the current City of Calgary tagline: Heart of the New West.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi was also on hand to address the business community and to congratulate CED on its achievements.

Nenshi said the goal of the CED campaign is to attract the highest calibre of talent from all economic spheres.

That, he declared, will create "a great city where people want to live, where they want to invest, where they want to start new businesses and where they want to help existing businesses grow."

"And that really is the core of the work we do when we think about economic development," he said.



Mayor Naheed Nenshi brought his own unique energy to the launch of the new slogan. CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/FOR METRO

Shen Yun ban: Ministry denies China pressure



The Shen Yun group performs at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. METRO FILE PHOTO

Officials with Alberta's culture ministry are deflecting assertions from a Calgary MP that the Chinese government influenced its decision to ban a performance group from two venues.

A letter signed by minister Heather Klimchuk made public last week said the Shen Yun performing arts group would no longer perform at Jubilee Auditoriums in both Calgary and Edmonton.

This came after members of Calgary's Falun Dafa Association, which has hosted

the performers since 2007, raised concerns about unprofessional conduct by Jubilee staff.

The dispute took another twist Tuesday as city MP Rob Anders said it appeared the province was being influenced by the Chinese government, which has long fought the Shen Yun group because its art form is derived from the country's pre-Communist period.

But culture ministry spokesperson John Tuckwell said Wednesday Anders is mistaken.

"The contractual obligation is not working," he said.

"There have been no other influences other than the director of the Jubilee."

Anders isn't buying it. "When you see that recently in the news there's an announcement of a planned visitation by an Alberta delegation to Beijing, you have wonder whether or not there's a connection," he said.

And Anders added: "It seems to be more than just a coincidence."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Officials stay mum

Inquiries made to representatives of the Chinese consulate-general in Calgary were not answered at press time.

- Anders said he's willing to support appeals by Falun Dafa to have the Shen Yun show reinstated.
- The group hopes the ban will be overturned.

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NEW IMMIGRANTS



David, 37, and his family — Kim, 33, and their two children, Amy, 8, and Paz, 6 — moved to Canada from China a year ago. He had been offered a job as an associate professor of business administration at a university in Manitoba. While it was a big move, the couple felt it was an opportunity they couldn't turn down.

David and Kim hope to add a second income soon (Kim is still looking for a job in fine arts). Right now, the annual family income is \$75,000.

"It's a bit tight with two kids and a savings plan," says Kim. "But I'm sure I'll find something... and in the meantime, we've learned how to cut corners and shop economically."

The couple shares a car, and the family lives in a rented bungalow near the university. Their plan is to buy a larger house with a granny suite in the next few years. Kim's parents are also planning to immigrate, and they will contribute to the down payment.

When the couple first came to Canada, one of the first things they did was get their finances in order. They visited their closest Scotiabank branch and in addition to opening a chequing and savings account, they applied for a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA® card. One of the reasons was to build their credit; the other reason was to use it for everyday purchases and earn valuable cash back on every purchase they put on the card.

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Rezoning. Shawnee land has history of development

Rezoning of the Shaw-Neer Slopes Golf Course goes before the Calgary Planning Commission on Thursday, and history seems to point out the land was always slated for development.

The contested 131-acre course was part of the original massive Shaw home-estate, which was slowly sold off since the family's arrival in Calgary in 1883.

That entrepreneurial spirit continued to run in the family, along with the goal of developing a community in the future. In the '60s, the golf course was created for supplemental income, and then the Shawnee subdivision.

It was then the family and developer put notations on all the property titles, said Ray Clark, former alderman and consultant on the Shawnee project.

"In other words, they attached notations to the titles of every property indicating that the golf course was only guaranteed to be there until 1992 and beyond that development would take place on the rest of the golf course."

Shaw-Neer Slopes continued to operate until late last year, almost 20 years later. The land was purchased by Geo-Energy Enterprises Ltd. from the Shaws in 2008.

The original subdivision layout approved by council in the '70s also had registered access roads leading into the golf-course areas, which would have ultimately been incorporated into the future community, Clark said.

Clark said the land's unique history is all due to the family's decisions in how to utilize their land.

A public hearing for the development is scheduled for July.

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But the Dome is not just for kids to enjoy, said TELUS Spark CEO Jennifer Martin. She said adults will be blown away by the amazing visuals and beautiful imagery in the movie programming as well.

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Clean up! Mayor challenges Calgarians

The City is expanding its spring cleanup to all corners of Calgary in this year's 20 Minute Makeover.

Calgarians are being challenged to take 20 minutes from June 6-9 to "make the city look better, brighter, cleaner," said bylaw head Bill Bruce.

"The results are dramatic — you've got a population of 1.1 million people, if just a quarter of those people took 20 minutes, you can imagine the impact on the city of Calgary in terms of litter clean-up."

Last year's challenge was downtown, but Mayor Naheed Nenshi said after Calgarians

called to find out how to do a similar thing in their own communities, they decided to expand.

Nenshi will roll up his sleeves, too, starting "my crusade ... to remind people that cigarette butts are litter," he said with a smile.

Litter fines and enforcement have increased, according to Bruce, reminding participants to take care during litter cleanup: mark hazardous materials and call 3-1-1.

Free garbage bags are available at all public libraries and you can sign up online at the city's website.

TESSA CLAYTON/FOR METRO



Bill Bruce, bylaw director, tries to rev up a mini street sweeper the city will be using during spring cleanup. TESSA CLAYTON/FOR METRO

City's hands tied over vacant properties

Derelict lots.

Province holds power when it comes to dealing with them

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The spat over spuds has unearthed a bigger civic issue regarding vacant and derelict private properties in the city.

On the long weekend, members of Potatoes for the People attempted to plant the taters in a derelict lot considered an eyesore by neighbours.

The effort was shut down by city bylaw for trespassing and ordered off the property.

It left organizers asking about property accountability.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said it's all about "aligning the powers we need to run the city properly," adding the province has a wider range of authority over such properties.

So until something is done to give the city that power, these lots will continue to languish, said the mayor.

"Unfortunately the city has no power to do it, and the province has no will to do it," Nenshi said. "We really do need to address this."



Painted tires for potato planting, fences and a sign were the first and only indications of the attempt to spruce up a derelict lot along 17 Avenue Southwest on Monday. TESSA CLAYTON/FOR METRO

'Potatogate'

- The city has addressed lots with safety concerns, like sink holes and problem properties that were demolished — such as on the potato lot along 17 Avenue S.W.
- "Potatogate" T-shirts went on sale Wednesday, with portions of sales going to Potatoes for the People.

Alberta RCMP investigate. After someone deliberately set eight wildfires

Alberta RCMP are investigating after someone deliberately set eight wildfires last week along a stretch of Highway 63 south of Fort McMurray.

Police say the fires were ignited Thursday night between Marianna Lake and the House River when conditions in the area ranged from very high to extreme.

Crews put out the fires before they got out of control.

Sgt. Kevin McGillivray says police and provincial officials are treating the fires as suspected arsons and are asking the public's help to find who is responsible.

Last week, Alberta crews battled more than 50 wildfires in the northern half of the province.

Cool, wet weather this week

has reduced the threat from low to moderate with 16 fires burning in Alberta, none out of control. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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LAURIE CALLESEN
Metro in Edmonton

Edmonton's Sherbrooke Liquor Store, home to the largest beer stock in Western Canada, will soon be releasing a beer to commemorate the 1,000th brand of beer the store offers.

Since buying the store in 2005, Jim Pettinger has seen the beer stock grow from a few hundred brands of beer to 1,000.

"When we first started to realize that there was something about beer, we had 200 and some brands. I put that on the sign outside and people just kept coming in because they couldn't believe there was that much beer," he said.

The commemorative beer



Jim Pettinger, owner of Sherbrooke Liquor, stands in the 800-square-foot beer cooler that is home to more than 1,000 brands of beer. Inset: Big Kahuna, the beer Sherbrooke commissioned Alley Kat to create to mark 1,000 brands of beer at the store. LAURIE CALLESEN/METRO

Big Kahuna, or 1K, is brewed by Alley Kat and is sour ale aged in oak whiskey barrels with

cherries. It was commissioned over a year ago when Pettinger realized the store was close to

reaching 1,000 beers.

Shane Groendahl, organizer of beer appreciation group

Edmonton Beer Geeks Anonymous says the beer scene in Edmonton wouldn't be as

Selection of suds

- Sherbrooke has partnered with Yukon Brewing, Paddock Wood and Alley Kat to create their own one-off beers, including 1K.
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Speaking from experience: Commuters to share ideas

Brainstorming.

Calgary Transit users will get a chance to speak their minds in a weekend forum



KATIE TURNER
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Commuters will have the chance to share their vision of Calgary Transit this week-

end in a customer-to-customer setting.

The Calgary Transit Customer Advisory Group, which was started last year and is made up of transit users, will be hosting the event on Saturday.

This weekend is one of many engagement events planned for this summer as part of transit's RouteAhead project, which aims to set out a plan for the transit system over the next 30 years.

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Theresa Schroder of Calgary Transit

bunch of experts come in from around the world and talk about what transit should be ... but the mayor thinks — and we agree — that our customers are the

experts on our system," said Theresa Schroder of Calgary Transit.

There will be space for around 100 people to attend on Saturday.

The event will be held at the Telus Convention Centre from 8 a.m. until noon and participants are asked to sign up in advance at customer2customer.eventbrite.com.

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Flying disc. Calgary man sets world record for knocking over cans



Calgarian Rob McLeod set a Guinness World Record for knocking over 28 cans in one minute with a flying disc. COURTESY/ROB MCLEOD.

After nearly four months, Calgarian Rob McLeod finally received confirmation that he's flung his way into the Guinness World Records.

At the end of January, McLeod knocked over 28 cans in 60 seconds in Calgary using Innova Zephyrs, which are used in disc golf.

Last week McLeod got the official nod from Guinness after the organization reviewed his record-setting attempt.

"Ever since I was a kid, I used to order the Guinness record books from my school's book order and dream about what record I

would someday hold," McLeod said in a statement.

"To be a part of the Guinness family and tell people I'm a Guinness World Record holder makes me feel like a kid again. I couldn't be more excited for this to happen."

This isn't the first record set by McLeod, who also set two records with his dog Davy Whippet.

McLeod said he hopes it also won't be his last.

He said he wants to hold world records for the longest throw, longest throw to a dog and longest field goal with a flying disc.

KATIE TURNER / METRO

Lucky drunk

Man unharmed after being run over by CP train

A drunken Alberta man in his 20s walked away without a scratch after being run over by 26 rail cars in eastern B.C.

The young man from Crowsnest Pass was camping during the Victoria Day weekend at the Elko, just west of the Rocky Mountains.

He had passed out on the railway tracks and by the time the train halted, 26 cars had run right over him.

CP Railway police will decide whether charges will be laid against the man. **METRO IN VANCOUVER**

'Tis the season

Parking Authority reminds RV owners of bylaws

The long weekend may be over, but RV season has just begun.

The Calgary Parking Authority wants to remind RV owners about parking their units properly in residential areas, as bylaw officers can now enforce location and time infractions separately.

To avoid a ticket, the CPA said to be sure that the RV doesn't stay on a public street for more than 36 hours, including alleyways or in front of your home.

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Quebec insists it's still open to talks with students

Beyond tuition.

Many protesters insist the current unrest is more about broader economic justice



Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, spokesperson for the CLASSE student group, demonstrates in Montreal on Tuesday to mark the 100th day of the student strike, which opposes tuition-fee hikes. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Quebec government says the door remains open to discussion with students opposed to tuition hikes and who have been staging daily protests for more than 100 days.

Premier Jean Charest made his comments in the national assembly Wednesday amid reports that an official in the Education Department had contacted student leaders.

It's unclear what the sides might possibly discuss: The government remains committed to tuition hikes, and the student groups remain staunchly opposed to them.

But despite whispers about

a possible return to the bargaining table, there was no evidence of any imminent talks between the government and the three main student groups.

Student groups were quoted in news reports expressing

skepticism that it was worth bothering to negotiate with the government — and suggesting the effort would simply be an exercise in public relations.

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Strike. CP Rail pulls another 2,000 jobs

A strike by 4,800 Canadian Pacific Railway workers means the services of thousands of other employees won't be needed, a spokesman for the railway said Wednesday as the federal labour minister threatened to force an end to the day-old stoppage.

"Unfortunately, with this unnecessary strike by the Teamsters, more than 2,000 other unionized CP employees will not be required and are being laid off," said CP's Ed Greenberg.

"We expect this to grow by another 1,400 employees as their work, related to the operations of the railroad, is no longer required."

Earlier in Ottawa, Labour Minister Lisa Raitt said the government is prepared to introduce back-to-work legislation if CP and the Teamsters Canada Rail Con-

Strike effects

- In a release, the Canadian Mining Association urged Ottawa to step in to end the dispute, as mining companies depend on rail to bring equipment and fuel to site and move their product to market.
- The strike is also affecting Canadian farmers, and the companies that supply nutrients and other goods to them.

ference can't reach a deal.

A prolonged strike would cost the Canadian economy an estimated \$540 million a week, Raitt said, calling that figure "conservative."

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Striking Canadian Pacific Railway workers picket outside the company's rail yard Wednesday in Montreal. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Budget

Tory MP backs off after voicing worries over huge omnibus bill

A Conservative MP says plenty of government backbenchers share opposition concerns about the wide array of controversial measures crammed into the massive budget-implementation bill.

But British Columbia MP David Wilks says there's nothing a lone member can do to defeat the bill or force the Harper government to split up its 425 pages.

Wilks made the comments during a meeting Tuesday with a small group of constituents in his Kootenay-Columbia riding.

Portions of the meeting were videotaped and posted online Wednesday, prompting Wilks to quickly backtrack. In the video, Wilks is urged by several constituents to vote against the omnibus budget bill, which features a host of non-budgetary measures including changes to the environmental-assessment process, Old Age Security, immigration and Employment Insurance rules.

But Wilks says without similar defiance from at least a dozen fellow Tories, voting against the bill would get him booted out of the Conservative caucus.

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Bin Laden movie

CIA said to be too close to filmmakers

U.S. Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter King said Wednesday that newly released documents have confirmed his suspicions that the CIA and Defence Department jeopardized national security by co-operating too closely with filmmakers producing a movie on the raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

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Felon in the family

Cake Boss in-law sentenced

The brother-in-law of Cake Boss television star Buddy Valastro has been given nine years in prison for sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl in New Jersey. Remigio "Remy" Gonzalez was sentenced Wednesday after a judge refused his request to withdraw guilty pleas he made earlier to two counts of aggravated sexual assault.

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The Cake Boss, Buddy Valastro, on April 12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airline security

French passenger to be sent home

A French woman accused of causing a US Airways flight to be diverted to Maine by claiming she had a surgically implanted device will soon be headed back home, officials said Wednesday. The evidence uncovered in a brief investigation didn't support charging Lucie Zeeko Marigot, 41.

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Testimony: Drug kingpin sought fake U.S. visas

Sentencing hearing. Witness describes how he provided phoney papers to smugglers

him dead.

The 32-year-old witness was testifying at an ongoing sentencing hearing for Coke, who pleaded guilty last year to U.S. racketeering conspiracy and assault charges. Prosecutors are using his testimony and that of another co-operator to try to persuade a judge to give Coke the maximum 23-year term.

Coke, 43, was arrested in Jamaica and extradited in 2010 following a bloody siege in Tivoli Gardens, a West Kingston slum that U.S. authorities describe as "a garrison community" he used to oversee an international drug trafficking ring.

The witness said he supplemented his meagre high school income by charging people to get them visas by claiming they were either members of the track team or part of their entourage. When Coke sought his services, one of the phoney applicants was a girl who was 12 or younger, Brown said.

When he met the girl, "She was crying," he said. She told him that her father had "gotten a beatdown" from Coke's men, he said.

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A former track coach at a Jamaican high school testified Wednesday that a notorious drug kingpin sought his illegal services to obtain fraudulent visas for couriers — including a young girl — to smuggle drugs into the United States.

Anthony Brown described how henchmen for Christopher "Dudus" Coke showed up at a track meet in Jamaica in the late 1990s and told him "the president" wanted to see him. Brown climbed into a car where Coke waited with a handgun in his lap. They struck a deal for six visas for \$1,500 US apiece — about half of what Brown normally charged.

He gave Coke the cut rate because he "was one of the most ruthless persons in Jamaica," Brown told a judge in federal court in Manhattan. He added that he later fled Jamaica because he feared Coke wanted

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A royal relay rider

Zara Phillips, granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth, carries the Olympic Flame at Cheltenham Racecourse in Cheltenham, England, on Wednesday. It was the fifth day of the Olympic torch relay, which is traversing Britain ahead of the July 27 opening of the London Games. Phillips has represented Britain in the three-day event.

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Egyptians vote in historic elections

Democracy. Citizens have 13 candidates to choose from

More than 15 months after autocratic leader Hosni Mubarak's ouster, Egyptians streamed to polling stations Wednesday to freely choose a president for the first time in generations. Waiting hours in line, some debated to the last minute over their vote in a historic election pitting old regime figures against ascending Islamists.

A sense of amazement at having a choice in the Arab world's first truly competitive presidential election pervaded the crowds in line. At the same time, voters were fervent with expectations over where a new leader will take a country that has been in turmoil ever since its ruler for nearly 30 years was toppled by mass protests.

Some backed Mubarak-era veterans, believing they can bring stability after months of rising crime, a crumbling economy and bloody riots. Others

Front-runners

- **Mohammed Morsi.** A mainstream Muslim Brotherhood candidate
- **Abdel-Moneim Abolfotoh.** A moderate Islamist who has won over some liberals, leftists and Christians
- **Ahmed Shafiq.** The former prime minister
- **Amr Moussa.** The former foreign minister

were horrified by the thought, believing the "feloul" — or "remnants" of the regime — will keep Egypt locked in dictatorship and thwart democracy.

Islamists, particularly the Muslim Brotherhood, saw their chance to lead a country where they were repressed for decades and to implement their version of Islamic law. Their critics recoiled, fearing theocracy.

"You can't tell me, 'Vote for this or else you're a sinner!'"



Two women show their inked fingers after casting their votes on Day 1 of the presidential election in Old Cairo. FREDRIK PERSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wael Ramadan argued with an Islamist-backer in line at a polling station in the impoverished Cairo neighbourhood of Basateen. "We never said that," protested the man. "Yes, you did," Ramadan shot back.

"The revolution changed a lot, for good and bad," Ramadan said afterward. "The good thing is all this freedom. We are here and putting up with the trouble of waiting in line for electing a president. My vote matters ... Now we want a

president who has a vision."

A field of 13 candidates is running in Wednesday and Thursday's voting. The two-day first run is not expected to produce an outright winner, so a runoff between the two top vote-getters will be held June 16-17. The winner will be announced June 21. Around 50 million people are eligible to vote. Turnout so far appeared moderate, and Wednesday's vote was extended another hour. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Fraud. Bride who faked cancer released from jail

A New York woman who faked having leukemia so donors would pay for her dream wedding and Caribbean honeymoon has been released from jail. Jessica Vega left the jail a few hours after being sentenced Wednesday to the nearly two months she had already served. A prosecutor says she paid back more than \$13,000 US as required under her plea deal.

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Jessica Vega TOM BUSHEY/TIMES
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Pakistan. Doctor who aided CIA tried for treason

A doctor who helped the CIA hunt down Osama bin Laden was convicted Wednesday of conspiring against the state and sentenced to 33 years in prison, adding new strains to an already deeply troubled relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan.

U.S. officials had urged Pakistan to release the doctor, who ran a vaccination program for the CIA to collect DNA and verify the al-Qaida leader's presence at the com-

pound in the town of Abbottabad, where U.S. commandos killed him in May 2011 in a unilateral raid.

The lengthy sentence against Dr. Shakil Afridi will be taken as another sign of Pakistan's defiance of American wishes. It could give further fuel to critics in the U.S. that Pakistan — which has yet to arrest anyone for helping shelter bin Laden — should not be treated as an ally.

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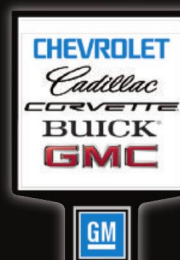
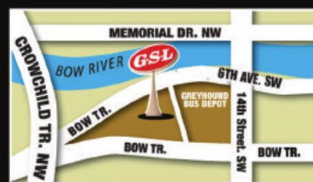
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Five arrested at anti-migrant protest

Israeli police say they have arrested five people at a protest against African migrants in south Tel Aviv.

A police spokesman said about 200 people gathered in an impoverished neighbourhood where many migrants live. Several Israelis pushed officers and caused other public disturb

ances, the spokesman said Wednesday.

As many as 60,000 migrants from Africa have crossed Israel's porous border with Egypt over the last several years. Several recent rapes blamed on African migrants have kindled anger. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned that an uncontrolled influx of migrants would destroy Israel's Jewish character.

Many are simply looking for work, but rights groups say Israel is too slow in examining asylum requests.

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Thirteen illegal immigrants were found stuffed in a phoney UPS van, U.S. authorities say.

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6.1 earthquake hits close to Japan

A strong earthquake has struck off the coast of northeastern Japan, but no tsunami is expected.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude-6.1 earthquake hit early Thursday and was centred about 107 kilometres northeast of Hachinohe at a depth of 40 kilometres.

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Runaway's mom files lawsuit

Texas. Girl gave authorities wrong name, was deported to Colombia, where she became pregnant



Jakadrien Turner THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The mother of a Texas teenage runaway who gave authorities a false name and wound up deported to South America has filed a federal civil-rights lawsuit against officials with the Justice Department and Homeland Security contending her daughter was illegally detained and deported.

The suit, filed Tuesday by Johnisa Turner on behalf of her daughter Jakadrien Turner, is asking for \$15 million in damages. It also discloses publicly for the first time that while in Colombia, Jakadrien Turner became pregnant by a 29-year-old man.

Jakadrien Turner, who was 14 at the time, was picked up for shoplifting last year at a Houston mall and identified herself to authorities as a 21-year-old Colombian national. She subsequently was deported and spent seven months in Colombia living in shelters before she was returned to the U.S. in January after her grandmother and Dallas police tracked her down.

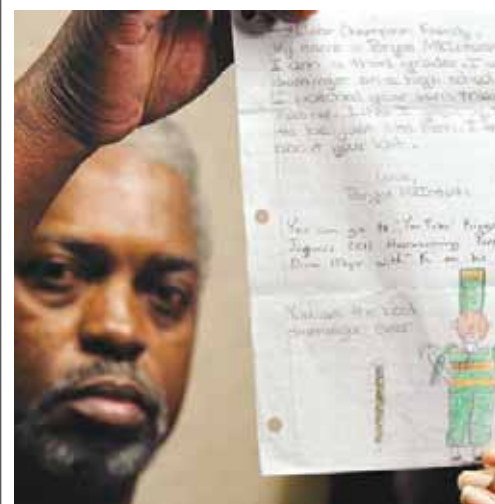
Allegations

- "Ms. Turner's illegal detention and deportation are the direct and foreseeable consequence of official policies, patterns, practices and customs that manifest not only intentional discrimination based on race and ethnicity and a failure to recognize basic principles of due process, but also a reckless disregard for human life and liberty," according to the lawsuit.

The teenager's attorney, Ray Jackson, said federal authorities were ultimately at fault for what happened to his client.

"The buck should have stopped with them," he said.

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Comfort after a father's loss

Robert Champion, Sr., the father of Robert Champion, who died in a hazing incident in Orlando, holds a letter sent to the late drum major by a third-grade admirer during a news conference Wednesday in Atlanta. The Florida A&M student, who died after being hazed on a bus, was known for his opposition to hazing but agreed to go through a brutal initiation ritual because it was seen as an honour, according to interviews with bandmates. DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sanctions to blame for shortages of basic goods: Syria

Long lines for cooking gas. U.S. ambassador says Syria is using fuel imports for its own tanks

Syria's oil minister blamed international sanctions Wednesday for shortages of cooking gas and other basic goods, saying the measures have bled \$4 billion from the nation's ailing economy.

President Bashar Assad's regime must strike a delicate balance toward the U.S. and EU sanctions as it confronts a 15-month-old uprising against its rule, acknowledging their heavy toll while denying the regime's grip on power is in any way shaken.

Sufian Allaw said the punitive measures were to blame for the shortages that have left Syrians across the country standing in long lines to pay inflated prices for cooking gas,

Syrian tinderbox

Syria's uprising began with mostly peaceful calls for reform, but the government's brutal crackdown on dissent led many in the opposition to take up arms.

- The UN estimates more than 9,000 people have been killed, most of them civilians.

- Arab foreign ministers will meet in Cairo, June 2, to discuss Syria.

fuel, sugar and other staples.

The U.S. ambassador to Damascus denied that the international sanctions are to blame for the shortages facing Syrians.

"Our sanctions purposefully do not target oil and diesel imports, because we know that the Syrian people need both for their day-to-day lives," Ambassador Robert Ford wrote on the embassy's Facebook page.

Ford said the government is using fuel imports for its tanks.

"If the Assad regime decided to cut its military expenditures, more diesel and oil would be available for the Syrian people to use," he said.

Before the Syrian uprising began in March 2011, the oil sector was a pillar of Syria's economy, with oil exports — mostly to Europe — bringing in \$7.8 million per day.

This income was key to maintaining the \$17 billion in foreign reserves that it had at the start of the uprising.

Prices for a tank of cooking gas have spiraled to some \$25 as shortages have spread across the country. Allaw said Syria's gas production covers only half of the country's needs.

Syria is seeking imports from countries not party to the sanctions, like Venezuela. A Venezuelan tanker docked in Syria on Tuesday.

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Nuclear ambitions

World powers sit down with Iran

Iran traded proposals in Baghdad with six world powers, including the U.S. on Wednesday.

It was a new round of talks aimed at persuading Tehran to curb its nuclear program. But divisions over sanctions complicated the discussions.

The talks could offer a test of how much the U.S. and its allies are willing to bend on demands for Iran to halt all uranium enrichment.

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Missile defense

Russia tests new missile

Russia has successfully test-fired a new intercontinental ballistic missile and has commissioned a new early warning radar, the Defence Ministry said.

Officials say it has an enhanced capability to penetrate missile defences.

Russia has viewed the planned U.S.-led NATO missile-defence system around Europe as a potential threat, rejecting U.S. assurances.

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Return to loving arms

One of the Lebanese Shiite women who were kidnapped in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo on Tuesday, is kissed by a relative upon her arrival in Beirut on Wednesday. Syrian rebels let the women go and kept the men.

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UN report

Radiation not cause of worker deaths

A year after an earthquake and tsunami triggered the Fukushima disaster, a UN agency preparing a report on the health effects says

none of the six former reactor workers who have died since the catastrophe perished due to the effects of radiation. The UN Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation said although the workers were irradiated "no clinically observable effects have been reported."

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Mulcair's energy views harmful to the economy: Clement

Oilsands. Treasury Board president takes aim at NDP leader's claims during speech in Calgary

Federal Treasury Board President Tony Clement used a speech in the heart of Canada's oil and gas sector to launch an attack on NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair and his dim view of Canada's resource industry.

Mulcair charges that booming energy exports, particularly from the oilsands, have created an artificially high dollar that has, in turn, hollowed out Canada's manufacturing sector—a phenomenon dubbed the “Dutch disease.”

“This is a reckless and irresponsible ideology that is bad for Alberta, it's bad for my home province of Ontario and quite frankly, it's bad for Canada,” Clement said Wednesday in a morning speech to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.



NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair says that booming energy exports have created an artificially high dollar. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mulcair has insisted that statistics on manufacturing job losses are “irrefutable” and that “everyone” agrees more than half of those losses are the direct result of the artificially high Canadian dollar

created by booming energy exports, particularly from Alberta's oilsands.

Clement said the only logical conclusion from Mulcair's musings would be that the NDP would “undoubtedly cripple an important and growing sector in Canada's economy.”

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Facebook. Stock climbs as investors file lawsuits

Facebook's fourth day of trading as a public company saw an increase in the company's stock price and shareholder lawsuits related to the social network's botched initial public offering.

Facebook's stock climbed \$1, or 3.2 per cent, to close at \$32 US on Wednesday. But the gain was only a small reprieve for shareholders. The stock's rocky inaugural trading day Friday was followed by a two-day decline. The stock is still trading nearly 16 per cent below its \$38 IPO price.

The initial public trading of Facebook's stock was tarnished Friday morning by a half-hour delay, caused by glitches on the Nasdaq. It was marred further this week as investors began accusing the banks that arranged the IPO of sharing important information about Facebook's business prospects with some clients and not others.

Several shareholders who bought stock in the IPO have filed lawsuits against Facebook,

Investigation

Regulators are examining whether Morgan Stanley selectively informed clients of an analyst's negative report about Facebook before the stock started trading.

- The bank said that it “followed the same procedures for the Facebook offering that it follows for all IPOs,” and that its procedures complied with regulations.

its executives and Morgan Stanley, the IPO's lead underwriter.

One suit claims Facebook's IPO documents contained untrue statements and omitted important facts, such as a “severe reduction in revenue growth” that Facebook was experiencing at the time of the offering.

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NEET rate

Canadian youth in better shape than most in G7, study finds

Canada's youth are more likely to be working or seeking an education than many of their counterparts in other G7 nations, the country's leading statistical agency suggested Wednesday.

A new study from Statistics Canada analyzed the working and educational paths of people aged 15 to 29 in a bid to assess youth engagement with the labour force.

The study found that 13 per cent of the 6.8 million Canadians in the age bracket were not in education, employment or training — a measurement known as the NEET rate.

That score, which has remained almost flat for the past two decades, is the second lowest among G7 nations, according to the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development.

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BBC host says Morgan gave phone-hacking pointers

Ethics inquiry. Former Mirror newspaper worker divulges alleged eavesdropping expertise of his old boss and current CNN host

A prominent British TV presenter says CNN talk-show host Piers Morgan gave him a primer on phone hacking, a revelation that suggests he knew a fair amount about how the shady practice was carried

out. BBC quiz-show host and television news presenter Jeremy Paxman told a media ethics inquiry Wednesday that Morgan delivered his warning over lunch at the headquarters of the Mirror newspaper, which he was then editing, in 2002.

Paxman said that Morgan "turned to me and said, 'Have you got a mobile phone?'"

"He then explained the way to get access to people's messages was to go to the factory default setting and press either 0000 or 1234 and that

Tweeting mad

"That's the last time I'm inviting Jeremy Paxman to lunch ... ungrateful little wretch."

CNN talk-show host Piers Morgan, responding on his Twitter account to former journalist Jeremy Paxman's testimony that Morgan gave him tips on hacking cellphones

if you didn't put on your own code, (in) his words, 'You're a fool.'"

Paxman testified before Lord Justice Brian Leveson,

who is sifting through the fallout of the scandal over unethical and illegal behaviour at Rupert Murdoch's News of the World newspaper, which Morgan briefly edited before moving to the Mirror.

Journalists at the now-defunct tabloid routinely hacked phones to get stories.

Morgan testified before Leveson late last year, suggesting he'd only been aware of phone hacking in general terms and had merely been repeating gossip he picked off the industry's rumour mill.

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In this file photo, Piers Morgan, host of CNN's Piers Morgan Tonight, leaves the CNN building in Los Angeles. Prominent British television presenter Jeremy Paxman has told an official inquiry that Morgan once gave him pointers on how to hack a mobile phone. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Financial peril. Pressure mounts on European leaders to solve worsening economic crisis

Europe's leaders gathered in Brussels Wednesday under mounting pressure to soften their tough-love approach to the weaker economies among them. With Greece locked in political chaos, much bigger Spain warns it can't keep afloat without help, as stock markets around the world tank over fears the leaders won't have the political will to act.

The summit will have to fight multiple fires: Political uncertainty in Greece that

The pain in Spain

"Europe has to come up with an answer.... We cannot go on like this."

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, warning his country cannot continue with its current high borrowing rates

could see it renege on commitments made to secure rescue loans; rising borrowing costs in Spain and Italy that could force them to seek bailouts;

and sluggish growth across the region exacerbated by budget cuts meant to reassure markets about high debt levels.

Leaders have said that everything will be on the table, including a discussion about whether 17 countries that use the euro should borrow money jointly — issuing so-called "eurobonds."

But expectations were low for agreement on concrete measures to boost growth and stability in the eurozone.

Europe's main stock indexes plunged more than two per cent. The euro fell 0.8 per cent to \$1.2561 US, its lowest in nearly two years.

On Tuesday, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development became the latest body to warn that the eurozone is at risk of falling into a "severe recession" and suggest that it slow the pace of austerity, or cost-cutting measures, in some countries.

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Boardroom. Martha Stewart assumes strategic role at firm

Martha Stewart was named as non-executive chair of the life-style, media and merchandising company that she created Wednesday.

Stewart rejoined the board of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. in September at the end of a five-year ban on serving as a board member or as an executive of a public company as part a settlement with federal regulators related to insider trading.

As non-executive chair, Stewart will help set the dir-

ection for the business but will have no direct operating role. An executive chairperson would typically also hold a top management role such as being CEO.

Stewart was convicted in 2004 on federal criminal charges of lying to prosecutors about selling ImClone shares a day before the Food and Drug Administration announced it declined to review an ImClone application for a cancer drug. She served five months in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Layoffs. Massive cuts at Hewlett-Packard

Hewlett-Packard Co. plans to cut 27,000 jobs as the growing popularity of smartphones, the iPad and other mobile devices makes it tougher for the company to sell personal computers.

The cuts announced Wednesday represent HP's largest payroll purge in its 73-year history. The reductions will affect about eight per cent of HP's nearly 350,000 employees by the time the overhaul is completed in October 2014.

Word of the mass layoff had leaked out in media reports late

Executive responds

"Workforce reductions are never easy.... They adversely impact people's lives."

HP CEO Meg Whitman, discussing the human costs of her company's 27,000 planned layoffs

last week, so the news didn't come as a surprise.

HP hopes to avoid as many layoffs as possible by offering early retirement packages.

The company, which is based in Palo Alto, Calif., ex-

pects to save as much as \$3.5 billion US annually from the job cuts and other austerity measures.

HP CEO Meg Whitman plans to funnel most of the savings into developing more products and services that could help the company adapt to technological shifts. Those changes are driving demand for more mobile computing and for software that is provided over high-speed internet connections, rather than installed on individual computers.

Investors seemed to be de-

lighted with the shakeup. HP's shares surged \$2.42, or more than 11 per cent, to \$23.50 in extended trading Wednesday after the announcement.

News of the cutbacks overshadowed the release of HP's latest quarterly results.

The company earned \$1.6 billion, or 80 cents per share, during the three months ending in April, its fiscal second quarter. That represented a 31 per cent decline from \$2.3 billion, or \$1.05 per share, at the same time last year.

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DVD rentals

Redbox launching kiosks in Canada

Redbox, the DVD-rental-kiosk company that gives consumers a cheap alternative to video stores, plans to make its long-awaited debut in Canada next month.

A spokeswoman says the movie-rental company has secured agreements to set up kiosks at Walmart retail stores and convenience stores operated by Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.. The pilot project will be

focused on the Toronto and Vancouver markets.

The company, which is a division of Coinstar Inc., hopes to install 2,000 to 2,500 kiosks in Canada over the next couple of years.

The DVD-rental business has become a wide-open market over the past year as Blockbuster Video stores closed down and Rogers began a discount clearance of its inventory of rental items.

Redbox built its name in the U.S. by renting DVDs for \$1 per day, though its prices have since increased.

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\$215M increase

BMO profits rise in second quarter

Bank of Montreal kicked off bank-earnings season Wednesday with a 27 per cent rise in second-quarter profits as the bank beat analyst expectations on stronger results in both its U.S. and Canadian retail operations.

BMO said net income rose to nearly \$1.03 billion, or \$1.51 per share, for the three months ended April 30, an increase of \$215 million from the same time last year, before adjustments.

Revenue grew 19 per cent to \$3.96 billion.

Profits at its Canadian retail operations grew by single digits, but income more than doubled in its U.S. retail-banking division.

The bank also highlighted a significant drop in its provisions for credit losses, or money set aside to cover bad loans, which fell \$102 million to \$195 million.

BMO's Canadian personal and commercial-banking operations accounted for nearly half of the bank's overall profit, rising 7.8 per cent or \$32 million to \$446 million.

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Warming trend. Retail sales increase nationwide

Warmer-than-usual weather across much of the country helped retail sales rise 0.4 per cent in March to \$39.1 billion, more than offsetting February's decline, Statistics Canada said Wednesday.

The gain came as Canadian shoppers jumped the gun on buying spring merchandise, including clothing, footwear, bicycles as well as lawn-and-garden products, the federal agency said.

But it was auto sales that contributed the majority of the increase. Sales at motor-vehicle and parts dealers rose 1.2 per cent, with most of the gains coming in sales of new cars and other motor vehicles, including recreational vehicles, motorcycles and boats.

Gains were reported in seven of 11 subsectors, representing 56 per cent of Canada's total retail sales.

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HE SAYS...
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Here's a status update of sorts: I have what psychologists have long recognized as the innate desire in most human beings to see Facebook fail horribly — otherwise known as Schadenfacebook.

I'm not alone. As I type this, the "most popular" news stories on the web involve the words Facebook, IPO and fiasco. I'm not business-minded, so IPOs are foreign to me. However, I'm familiar with New Brunswick, Ontario and federal politics, so I know all about fiascos.

I didn't know I had Schadenfacebook until the stock started to slip. Then I discovered I wanted to see its rating plummet from "buy" to "sell" to "drachma" all the way down to "same worth as Netscape Navigator." The more screwed up the situation gets, the happier I become.

"Why the hate for FB?" a friend messaged me after I'd ranted about my glee online. I can only assume his wink emoticon was implied.

Faceplant

There's the way FB assumes that your life is a pristine experience that you would want documented in full detail on your timeline, including your drunkest photos and your whiniest posts.

How do I hate Facebook? Let me count the ways.

There's the way FB assumes that your life is a pristine experience that you would want documented in full detail on your timeline, including your drunkest photos and your whiniest posts. When I got divorced, my news feed said, "John is now single" with a happy little heart.

There's also Facebook's amorphous privacy settings, which distract from the truth that the site has no privacy at all. Would anyone really be

surprised if Facebook one day undeleted all that we've deleted and released all our chat messages, perhaps as a "service" when we've died? "Learn about Grandma's affair! Only \$9.99!"

Or how about the way FB friends can add you to events without permission, so you're suddenly getting postings from some group you don't actually support, like the Man-Gorilla Love Association or an Evening of Serviceable Green Day Covers?

And there's CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who combines all the worst traits of various cliques and creates his own sort of Franken-niche — the businessman-nerd-bully — all while jealously guarding his privacy in a thermonuclear example of irony.

But very worst of all, after all these complaints, *I can't stop using it*. It knows my weaknesses. It knew I couldn't resist Facebook once my email inbox was filled with requests to join. It knows I'm too lazy to remember a password for a newspaper's sports section, so I login through Facebook. It knows that asking for creative feedback on Facebook is easier than talking to people individually, even if it's not better.

Apple, for all its flaws, seems to understand what people want. Facebook knows what they will put up with.

So crash and burn, Facebook. Crash like a North Korean rocket. And, when it all lies in pieces, feel free to add the event to your timeline. With all this Schadenfacebook, I'll be sure to like it.



I like you, Facebook. I also like watching you fail. GETTY IMAGES

South African art attack



Painting defaced

Smear campaign hits president

Two men appeared in a Johannesburg court on Wednesday, accused of defacing a controversial painting of South African President Jacob Zuma. Barend la Grange, 58, and Louis Mabokela, 25, allegedly smeared paint on *The Spear* by activist Brett Murray, which caused offence by showing the president's genitals. **METRO**

Backlash



"The portrayal has ridiculed and caused me humiliation and indignity."

Jacob Zuma, president of South Africa
The president has reacted furiously to the satire of his alleged promiscuity. Zuma has fathered 21 children from six marriages, and was acquitted of a rape charge in 2006. His party, the African National Congress, is planning to sue Brett Murray.

Other art protests

- **Banksy.** The anonymous British street artist stencilled "mind the crap" signs outside the Turner Prize exhibition in 2001.
- **P183.** A Russian graffiti artist has created a series of eye-catching murals attacking President Vladimir Putin.
- **Liberate Tate** protested the gallery's links to petrol companies by having a naked activist lie on the floor covered in oil.

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Portrait of a travelling artist: Wil Murray finds German inspiration

Follow The Winter. Wil Murray's exhibit is inspired by Berlin culture and Russian history



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Wil Murray thought he had it all figured out when he left Calgary 12 years ago to pursue his artistic ambitions.

He moved to Vancouver to make his name in the art world, but soon realized he wasn't going to become the next Damien Hirst overnight.

"I thought the more extravagant you are, the crazier you are, the more you drink and do drugs and all that stuff, the quicker you get noticed," the 34-year-old artist recalls with a smile.

"So I tried that in Vancouver, and you know what? It's not true."

After a rough three-and-a-half years living on the West Coast, Murray headed east to Montreal where his abstract paintings found a more appreciative audience.

He relocated to Berlin two years ago, and says the German city has inspired a stylistic shift in his work.

"I've started to include some figurative stuff, collaging in elements," explains

Murray, who is back in town to marry his German sweetheart and attend the opening of his new show, *Follow The Winter*, at Skew Gallery.

"Some of the work in the show is from an old Russian book, because of course in East Berlin there are a lot of old Russian books sitting around from the Cold War days. It's women in traditional Russian dress who have been collaged in with drapery over their faces.

"It was weird doing work like that because often my work has been more abstract. It's probably a product of being (in Berlin) and being around a lot more work."

Murray now calls the vibrant former East Berlin neighbourhood of Prenzlauer Berg home, and says his relative anonymity there has allowed him to explore other artistic outlets, such as photography.

"It's something I didn't feel free to do in Canada," he admits.

"Part of it was my own s---, but also it felt daunting in the Canadian art world to shift into anything other than what I was known for."

As much as Murray enjoys being a resident in one of the greatest art centres in the world, there is a downside.

"There's no collector base," he says. "There's no option to make any money in Berlin. But you can certainly party and be a participant in the art world."



Berlin-based painter Wil Murray returns to his native Calgary with his latest art show. SUBMITTED

Exhibit details

Follow The Winter

- **Time and place.** Follow The Winter shows at Skew Gallery from May 31 until June 30.
- **Opening reception.** Artist

Wil Murray will attend the opening reception on May 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m..

- **Address.** Skew Gallery is located at 1615 — 10 Ave. S.W.

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Celebrity buzz

Bieber tour announced

With his much anticipated new disc *Believe* about to drop, Justin Bieber has announced an extensive North American tour that will include seven Canadian dates.

The Stratford, Ont., native will kick off his nearly four-month trek on Sept. 29 in Glendale, Arizona and wrap up on Jan. 26 at Miami's American Airlines Arena.

Along the way, the 18-year-old will play shows in Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

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On the web



Kanye West leads with seven nods at BET Awards, Beyoncé follows with six; Samuel L. Jackson to host.

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Chernobyl Diaries.

Director of Paranormal Activity tries his hand at a bigger-budget flick, but he still likes the challenge of working on the cheap

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Israeli-born filmmaker Oren Peli made a name for himself with *Paranormal Activity*, the 2009 found-footage phenomenon that cost \$15,000 to produce and went on to make \$194 million worldwide — making it the most profitable film of all time. While the budget for his latest film, *Chernobyl Diaries*, isn't that small, he still aims to keep things on the inexpensive side. *Chernobyl Diaries* follows a group of friends on an "extreme tourism" trip into Pripyat, the Ukrainian town abandoned after the Chernobyl disaster in 1986.

Did you visit Pripyat yourself before making this film?

No. Actually, when we started getting into it, we were thinking not only of visiting it, but we actually wanted to shoot some of the movie there, which we thought makes sense. Why not? The set is already there. But for whatever reason, the Ukrainian government in 2011 stopped allowing people to go in there. So for a long period of time while we were shooting the movie, there was no access there. We were thinking it ironically parallels the movie, thinking maybe there's a secret entrance we can sneak into the town through.

With such sophisticated horror audiences these days, how do you approach trying to scare them?

Well, there's all sorts of different scares, and *Chernobyl Diaries* has a variety of them.



What happens when a group of friends go on an 'extreme' tour of Pripyat? HANDOUT

There's a few jump scares. But the thing that really works for me the best is the patient anticipation of things, and the idea of a loss of control and fear of the unknown. We tried to combine a lot of that in the movie. The whole sense of not knowing what you're dealing with, the fear of the unknown and the feeling of being helpless and not having any control over your own destiny, to me that's the kind of thing that's really the essence of a lot of horror movies.

You found success with *Paranormal Activity*, which was made on a tiny budget. Does that reputation of being able to do a lot with a little get in your way now?

The budget factor, it definitely makes a lot of things challenging, and you always wish you had a little bit more here and there, but I don't know if I'll ever see myself making a really, really big-budget movie. I kind of like in many ways the restraints of doing things on a small budget, because I think it ends up maybe to some degree making the movie feel more intimate and makes you feel like you have

to be more creative about finding practical solutions to do things — which end up in many cases feeling more real than if you did something very elaborate and grandiose.



Decoding 007. Metro analyzes Skyfall's cryptic new trailer



Bond still has a way with the ladies. Oh, and some men are trying to kill him, according to the new *Skyfall* trailer. HANDOUT

Teaser trailers can be rather cryptic at times, and the new *Skyfall* trailer isn't any different. Audiences got a taste of the Sam Mendes-helmed film, which will mark the 23rd James Bond film. Here's what we gleaned from the short clip.

Straight from 007's mouth

Some men are coming to kill James Bond and his colleagues, but he plans to kill them first.

Asia-bound

At one point in the film, it seems that Bond (Daniel Craig) will travel to China — or at the very least, an area that is celebrating a very elaborate Chinese New Year celebration.

Dame M (Judi Dench)

Well, she's still around to keep 007 in line. And, hints through interviews show that she may be the central part of this movie.

An Aston Martin DB5

The car is captured in one of the shots, and it seems that all the cars seem pretty modern. A scene of a crashing Metro train confirms that these events are all occurring in the

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Bond girls

What about the ladies?

There will be an intensely erotic shaving scene with a woman played by Naomie Harris. But, just a few seconds before, we got a glimpse of Bérénice Marlohe, another Bond girl, standing in a hotel room. Both of these women prove that despite the years and the different actors, Bond still has his way with the ladies.

modern day or at a date that is more recent than in a past decade.

What's skyfall?

According to a conditioned response test given to Bond by a man who looks like a stereotypical psychiatrist, "skyfall" is something Bond doesn't want to talk about. Was it code for a mission done wrong?

Doom and gloom

There will be a lot of deaths, hinted at by the caskets draped with British flags.

Oh Javier

We get one shot of Javier Bardem, who is confirmed to play the Bond villain in this film. He's walking away from a building he just set on fire.

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Presley finally finds Grace after the Storm

Interview. Lisa Marie Presley more comfortable than ever following in father's musical footsteps

After moving across an ocean to rural England, Lisa Marie Presley found herself as close as she's ever been to her father, at least musically.

The only child of Elvis and Priscilla Presley started writing music again after moving to Kent, southeast of London, several years ago. That led to her third album, *Storm & Grace*, produced by T Bone Burnett with a slow-rolling, swampy but warm Americana sound.

It's more quiet, deliberate and intimate than her pop-rock-oriented *To Whom It May Concern* from 2003 and 2005's *Now What*.

She's settled down personally as well.

Once known for turbulent, brief marriages to Michael Jackson and Nicolas Cage, she's now raising three-year-old twin daughters Finley and Harper with her husband of six years, guitarist Michael Lockwood.

She also has two adult children, model-actress Riley Keough and son Benjamin, from her first marriage.

The 44-year-old singer-songwriter said in a recent interview that she'd long been actively trying to dodge her father's legacy, but now feels more comfortable following in his footsteps — at least on her own terms.

Do you feel like the album represents your Southern roots?



Lisa Marie Presley's new album, *Storm & Grace*, was released last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Presley: It does, but I didn't intend it to do so. It wasn't like I was trying to go create a rootsy Southern record. I was given a lot of freedom and space to write, and I did. And that's what ended up happening oddly in England of all places. So — ironic. ... It's a good bed for my lyrics and vocals to lie in, that sort of vibe — whatever this is, this record.

How much does your father's music influence you? Are you listening to it lately, and do you hear it differently now than you did when you were younger?

Of course. The babies have to hear Elvis satellite radio all the time in the car. They love that. Of course. He's always been a huge influence on me my whole life — always. It's the first thing I ever heard. It's not something that I now listen to and it's different, although I might listen closer. But I've remained consistent on the fact that I've always been an admirer.

And an album like this is

more early Elvis than a later Elvis?

It could very well be looked at that way. That's fine. I don't mind that. I embrace it. But it wasn't intended to go there. Actually the first two (albums), I was intending not to go there on purpose. That's why this time, it's OK with me because it was natural.

How do you feel you've

grown from those first two albums? Are you proud of them?

I love those songs. They came from the same place all my songs come from. But... I had a lot going on around me that was not good. It was a lot of kicking and yelling.... I needed to go through that for whatever reason. I needed to prove something to somebody somewhere, I don't know what. Nothing was ever

smooth. It didn't go well.

When do you think you broke out of that?

Probably like five years ago, I broke out of everything. I just stopped. I just had an awakening, a crash and then a rediscovery period. And yeah, I just needed to get rid of things that I thought were good that weren't and I needed to go far away and just be around simple people

that were decent.

What's day-to-day life like now for you?

When I'm in England, I think I needed to see and just kind of start from ground zero and just needed to see and discover life again... and just simplicity. When I'm there it tends to be cooking, walking. I love the people in my village. They're super sweet. It's a very simple life.

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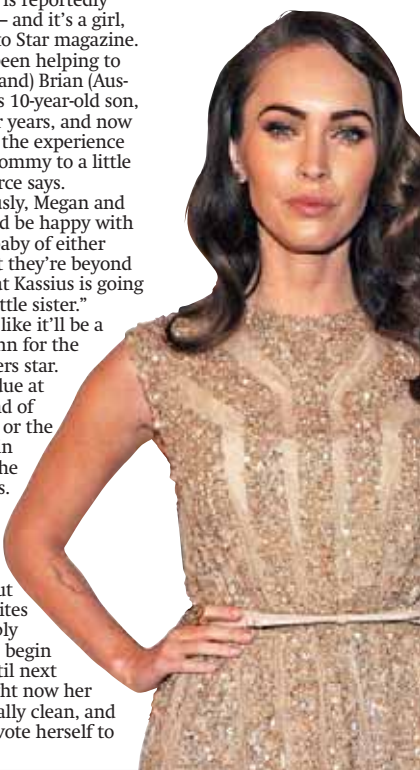
Megan Fox is reportedly pregnant — and it's a girl, according to Star magazine.

"She's been helping to raise (husband) Brian (Austin Green)'s 10-year-old son, Kassius, for years, and now she'll have the experience of being mommy to a little girl," a source says.

"Obviously, Megan and Brian would be happy with a healthy baby of either gender, but they're beyond thrilled that Kassius is going to have a little sister."

It looks like it'll be a busy autumn for the Transformers star. "She'll be due at the very end of September or the first week in October," the source adds.

"Megan is attached to a movie called Swindle, but it's in rewrites and probably won't even begin filming until next year. So right now her plate is totally clean, and she can devote herself to her baby."



Perry bares all

Katy Perry knew it would be impossible to avoid mention of her 14-month marriage to Russell Brand in her upcoming tour documentary, Katy Perry: Part of Me, so she addressed it head-on.

"I thought it was important to show everything in between. I think sometimes people think that we're perfect, and we know

we're not perfect, at all," Perry explains to Ellen DeGeneres in an interview.

"It's important to start breaking down the idea that to achieve your dreams, you always have to be perfect or flawless or live in some kind of fantasy world. That's why I decided to put everything into the film. In the most tasteful way."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Britney Spears has needs... like fried chicken

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Britney Spears may be making \$15 million for gracing the judges table on X Factor, but she still doesn't intend to put out her own snack money.

Details from the singer's contract have leaked, and she has some very specific requests as far as dressing room needs are concerned. Every day, she'll require fried

chicken (legs and breasts only), 12 Snickers bars, 24 cans of Coke, 10 snack size bags of Doritos and 12 vases of Magnolia blossoms — give or take a basket of baby white lion cubs, depending what source you're going with.

Not that all of this junk food is exclusively for Spears, who has reportedly been hitting the gym before cameras start rolling. She's also requested a 24-member staff that includes a beauty team, a massage therapist and a "spiritual adviser."

How sweet would it be to serve as Spears' spiritual adviser? You know you could just toss this chick a couple mood rings and spend the next seven-and-a-half hours eating her Doritos.



Lady Gaga ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Gaga speaks out on protests

At a tour stop in Manila, Lady Gaga took a moment to address the recent protests that have been waged against her — leading to her not being allowed to perform in Jakarta, Indonesia.

She's also drawn protest from Biblemode Youth, a Christian group that called for an end to her shows in the Philippines.

"Some people think that I stand for like, really inappropriate things," she told the crowd, according

to Holliscoop.

"The truth is I want the f—ing best for you. I want the best for every single one of you. I love you with all of my heart and all my soul, I really do."

As for stirring up controversy while in the Philippines, Gaga doesn't seem too concerned: "Don't worry, if I get thrown in jail in Manila, Beyoncé will just bail me out," she posted on Twitter this week. "Sold out night two in the Philippines. I love it here!"

Kelly's happy for a change

Kelly Clarkson has gotten some of her best material for songs from bad break-ups, and now that she's in a happy, stable relationship, she worries her work is suffering.

"It is

killing me. I'm trying to write a tough song and it is coming out like butterflies and rainbows," Clarkson, who has been in a relationship since late last year, tells People magazine.

"It is ruining my creativity. I'm writing all this happy (stuff). People are going to be, like, 'What the hell happened to you?'"

It has been really difficult. I love it. It's an awesome problem to have."

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Fashion flash

Eau de teen icon

Justin Bieber was honoured alongside top fashion names like Tom Ford and Gucci at the Fragrance Foundation's annual Fifi awards for the best perfumes.

Tom Ford's Violet Blonde was picked as the women's best luxury fragrance, and Gucci Guilty Pour Homme in the same category for men.

Bieber was named the Elizabeth Taylor Fragrance Celebrity of the Year. For broad appeal, Heidi Klum's Shine won for women and Curve Appeal by Elizabeth Arden won for men.

The industry group put on the ceremony Monday night with Jane Lynch as emcee.

"I'm honoured to be here tonight to serve as your host. Selecting me as host makes perfect sense, because when you think of a sexy, delicate and floral fragrance, you think, 'Jane Lynch,'" she said.

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On the Web



Claire Pettibone says Facebook bride Priscilla Chan wore her lacy sheath

Men: get your threads in print (it worked for me)

Wearing it. Bright, bold and a bit on the brash side, it's got to be the Hawaiian shirt. I give the look a go to see if I can move beyond the gawping and get the girl.

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

I know what you're thinking: this guy is only a few gold medallions away from being a fugitive living on the Costa del Sol. Yep, the Hawaiian shirt has had some pretty damning press over the years, namely due to the fact that the in-your-face print is commonly sported by stag parties, who probably half hope that the disruptive pattern will mask the vomit stains.

Having tried the Hawaiian look, I've got to say that my skepticism about the trend has far from diminished. There was a slew of verbal abuse from colleagues and speculation

The name game

"Givenchy, Moschino, Richard Chai, followed by high-street brands such as Topman, ASOS, and Levi's have all created their own riff on the look with surging sales, apparently."

Richard Peckett on the Hawaiian shirt



The good life: chilling at the bar with a beer in Topman's palm leaf pattern shirt. NICK CUNARD/METRO WORLD NEWS

that I was heading to the touristy end of town.

Hardly the encouragement I needed, seeing as I was to don my best "babe magnet" shirt at a bar, later that day.

That said, I wouldn't be writing about this trend had it not blossomed on the spring/summer '12 run-

ways. Givenchy, Moschino, Richard Chai, followed by high street brands such as Topman, ASOS, and Levi's have all created their own riff on the look with surging sales, apparently.

The fact is that nowadays men are more daring when it comes to colour and print. Maybe it's a counter-

reaction to Noughties minimalism — or perhaps we're all in need of something a little bit wild in this austerity era.

Personally, I think that men are becoming savvy in terms of cut and design as opposed to demonstrating their fashion prowess by — often tastelessly — flashing



Smiles all round in Topman's horizontal palms, short-sleeve shirt. NICK CUNARD/METRO WORLD NEWS

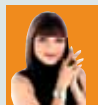
designer labels.

However, I was about to put my hibiscus leaf-gilded masculinity to the test at a Mexican-style bar in central London.

I hoped to channel the charm and ease with which George Clooney works the Hawaiian shirt in *The Descendants* — as I approached a girl at the bar. But no, I wasn't smooth. I felt like a sleazy '80s hustler minus the silver tongue.

Whilst I awkwardly stuttered, an eavesdropping onlooker, who had clearly clocked my intentions, piped up: "That shirt's a blessing if you can get a nice girl like her." What? An indirect compliment, I thought, but I'll take it nonetheless.

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Old bits of wood made new

Decor trends. Lost, found and repurposed — wood artists create pieces that honour their material's origins

Industrial designer Robert Hendrick was on a tech career track out of college until two things happened that changed his trajectory.

First, he bought a company that maintains and rebuilds railroad tracks. Then he started spending Saturdays building stuff with his father, Jim.

"I'd always been fascinated by trains and loved the history of how they were so instrumental in the industrialization of America," says Hendrick, of Nashville.

"Dad was a construction exec, and the carpentry shop was a weekend diversion. He was always salvaging some interesting artifact from a building that was being torn down. When I saw some of the scrap rails, I realized there might be some beautiful things we could make with them."

The two launched Rail Yard Studios in 2010. Using century-old railroad steel and hardwood timber, they make one-of-a-kind chairs, desks, tables and beds. Some of the rails date back as far as 1898. Each piece is numbered using a salvaged date nail that's been scavenged from the tracks themselves.

Many wood furniture artisans are interested, as the Hendricks are, in honouring the provenance of their material, whether it's repurposed, recycled or just reimagined as something that can be



A Bordeaux Wall Mount Vanity crafted from a reclaimed oak wine barrel. NATIVE TRAILS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

used in the home.

That creative respect makes for some beautiful and intriguing pieces.

Naomi Neilson Howard, founder of the company Native Trails in San Luis Obispo, Calif., uses staves and barrels from nearby wineries to make bathroom vanities for her Vintner's Collection.

Her Cabernet model has a deep, warm patina, the result of the oak soaking in red wine for several years. The pieces have an Old World, weathered quality.

This spring, Howard added the Renewal series to her line, a departure from the more rustic pieces. She moulds tightly grained, compressed bamboo into contemporary vanities such as the Halcyon, a curvy, wall-mounted piece fashioned from two proprietary varieties, Caramel Bamboo and the darker Woven Strand Bamboo.

Fred Strawser and David Smith have an eponymous



Reclaimed wood used to make custom wall art. R & R DESIGNWORKS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brooklyn shop selling refurbished and repurposed furnishings whose components started life back in Rust Belt factories. With its mix of heartland craftsmanship and modern high style, the shop has attracted the attention of design enthusiasts as far away as Japan.

For examples, a medical cart from late 19th-century Toledo, Ohio, gets a walnut top that used to be a leather worker's work surface, and is ready for action as a hip new desk or console. Industrial-chic side tables are made of thick, lustrously finished slabs of reclaimed wood with wrought-iron, hanging machinist's baskets instead of shelves.

Sarah Reiss is a Dallas-based artist, furniture designer and writer, who found her

inner craftsman when buying a fixer-upper. She invested in a jigsaw and some other equipment and built a wall out of interesting reclaimed lengths of wood.

The striking result — a colourful, textural geometric piece of art — caught the attention of design bloggers, and her business took off.

"Piecing a wall together is like a long-form improvisation with a permanent outcome. I think that's pretty cool," she says.

Reiss will custom design a wall for you using locally sourced woods such as flooring from old bowling alleys or gymnasiums; shiplap; and barn siding. If you want something smaller, she makes chevron-patterned tables.

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A Halcyon vanity made of Forest Stewardship Council certified Caramel Bamboo 3. NATIVE TRAILS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A touch of northern Miami is just what the decorator ordered:
Create a space for visitors inspired by the modern style of the St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort



Clean lines, touches of sheen, mirror and soft-neutral colours create modern glamour at Bal Harbor's St. Regis Hotel. CONTRIBUTED

The St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort, located in Bal Harbour village in the northern Miami area, is a bit of a tourist dream.

One side of the hotel hosts the The Bal Harbour Shops, one of the finest designer and art shopping destinations in the world.

On the other side is 1,000 feet of white sand shoreline boasting ocean-front cabanas outfitted with flat-panel televisions, wi-fi and mini bars. Now that's living a pretty glamorous life!

All guest suites have balconies with fantastic ocean-front beach views, a feature

that offers inspiration to the inside designed by world-renown design firm Yabu Pushelberg (yabupushelberg.com), one of Canada's most contemporary design firms.

Light, airy colours, pale-wood tones, gold-metallic surfaces and mirrors add a light, glamorous touch to each room.

Think simplified Hollywood glamour and you've arrived at the right place. stregisbalharbour.com.

Why not take inspiration from the light neutral decor at the St. Regis Bal Harbour and create a similar look at home?



Ikea's Nyvoll Chest

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Benjamin Moore's cream cloak OC-135

Paint the walls an almond-coloured glossy paint finish, Benjamin Moore's cream cloak OC-135. BenjaminMoore.ca



Design Within Reach's Metallic Leather Throw Pillow

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Bring a little spa to your casa

DIY ideas. When it comes to bathtubs, North American designers are soaking up Japanese style

Some of us are shower people, and some are bathers.

But there's a way to be both, as the Japanese discovered centuries ago when they developed the ofuro, or soaking tub.

Traditionally, the Japanese get clean with a shower or hand bath and then step into an "ofuro," a deep tub full of clean hot water. These tubs are often large enough that several family members can have a communal soak. It's considered a relaxing and important ritual.

The idea has caught on here, and there are now several manufacturers making ofuro tubs suitable for one bather or a couple.

Usually about 27 inches deep, the tubs typically have built-in seats, and often a grab bar. They're available in acrylic, composite, wood, even stainless steel and copper.

Here are the steamy details on some options, and what you should consider before adding one to your home:

Wooden tubs

Bill Finlay owns Sea Otter Woodworks in Haynes, Alaska. While he'd been making outdoor hot tubs for a few years, he made his first ofuro at the request of a business associate, and that sparked an interest in perfecting the craft.

"I made a couple of fact-finding trips to Japan, then developed my own techniques," he says.

Finlay makes the Hinoki Ofuro in a couple of sizes, suitable for one or two people. The material is an aromatic cypress native to Japan; the resin is bacteria and rot resistant and withstands humidity. The citrusy fragrance is a common aromatherapy component.

Metal tubs

Diamond Spas in Frederick, Colo., welds recycled copper and stainless steel into tubs that are lined with foam insulation, then buffed to a nice Old World finish. Like kitchen pans, the copper tubs can be left to develop a patina, or rendered shiny with a polishing compound. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Get your own 'ofuro'

Soaking tubs aren't as complicated to install as you might think.

- **Who knew?** If you're putting in a smaller, one or two-person tub, you'll actually use less water than a conventional tub.
- **Mega water.** But a four-person version can hold a lot of water — close to 250 gallons, compared to around 50 for a conventional tub.
- **Don't sink through the floor.** Floor joists need to be able to hold the weight of the water, not just the tub.
- **D'oh!** Make sure you'll be able to get the tub sideways through doorways.
- **Safety first.** Many tubs come with an overflow fail-safe built in, but you should have a drain in the bathroom floor as well.
- **Camouflage.** The river rock bed is an attractive way to hide a draining floor system, but you can also tile the bathroom floor and install a drain.
- **Some like it hot.** You'll need lots of hot water, so upgrade your system, and consider an in-line heater that continuously reheats the full tub.

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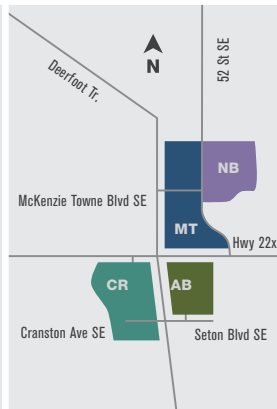
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Bathing bliss: A stainless-steel elliptical soaking tub from Diamond Spas nestled amongst white river rocks in a sleek, Asian-inspired tiled bath. **DAN DANENBERG/DIAMOND SPAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Friends in low places



A weeping larch in Scarsdale, N.Y. LEE REICH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weeping wonders.

Trees that reach for the ground can add interest to a yard where all the other plants are searching out the sun

Why do some trees weep?

Because they want to grow down. Instead of reaching for the sky, as most trees do, young stems of weeping trees toy only briefly with upward growth before arching gracefully earthward. Some plants begin to weep in earnest only after they get some age to them.

Many yards benefit from some weeping tree, whether it's a willow along a stream bank, a weeping cherry lending grace and tranquility to a front lawn, or a weeping beech providing a hideaway for kids.

The only caution with weeping trees is not to plant too many, which might mean more than one. Otherwise, the scene can look sad indeed.

In the beginning

A weeping tree may have begun life as a random seedling whose quirky arrangement of genes directed its stems to weep. Such plants, although woody, could hardly be called trees. A weeping kind of goat willow, for example, makes a kind of billowing ground cover never rising more than a few feet off the ground.

Or, a weeping tree may have begun life with normal stature — until some cells in some branch underwent a

slight mutation to a weeping habit. Perhaps the mutation was caused by sunlight or temperature; perhaps it was spontaneous.

At any rate, all new stems and branches originating from those changed cells weep.

Making new weeping trees

Now let's make new plants from that weeping seedling or weeping branches. If the plant is one that roots easily from cuttings, you could just clip off a branch, stick it in the ground or some potting soil, and nurture it along. Problem is that if the tree is a heavy weeper, it will never get much off the ground.

To get that weeper up off the ground, or to create a weeping tree from a plant that doesn't root readily from cuttings, graft a stem or bud from the weeping plant atop a trunk of some upright plant. As with any graft, success is possible only if the trunk section is closely related to the weeping stem piece. The graft juncture is usually obvious throughout the life of the tree.

To create a real, taller tree out of a ground-hugging weeper, or if the plant is one that doesn't root readily from cuttings, graft a stem or bud from the weeping plant atop a trunk of some upright plant. As with any graft, success is possible only if the trunk section is closely related to the weeping stem piece. The graft juncture is usually obvious throughout the life of the tree.

Sometimes a branch of a weeping tree will all of a sudden start reaching skyward. (Talk about a wacky looking tree!)

Serenity now

Many trees that weep

Looking beyond the ubiquitous weeping cherries and crabapples, weeping trees are not all that rare.

Japanese dogwood (Cornus kousa) is a lovely tree whose white blossoms unfold after the leaves are fully out; the variety Elizabeth Lustgarten has somewhat weepy upper branches. Pendulum, a weeping form of Katsuratree (Cercidiphyllum japonicum), presents a waterfall of bluish green leaves.

For a weeping evergreen, few are more graceful than the Sargent hemlock.

Or more odd than a weeping form of giant sequoia, whose leading stem pushes skyward in fits and starts, zigging and zagging and dipping along the way but always remaining clothed in a shaggy mane of droopy branches.

That stem could have arisen from a bud below the point where the graft was made. Or a weeping tree that originated as a branch mutation might have retained some non-weeping cells. In either case, just cut any non-weeping stems right back to their origins.

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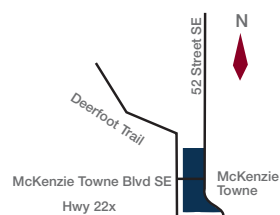
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Keep your closet organized



Mornings are much more fun with a tidy closet. CONTRIBUTED

Expert help. It's a little bit of a master closet cleaning, plus an overhaul of the way you approach getting dressed — the author of *Shop Your Closet* helps us out

Think about how nice those

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colour-coded racks look in your favourite clothing retailer. And then imagine how much easier it would be getting dressed in the morning if your own wardrobe were as organized instead of stuffed with old sweaters you haven't worn in years.

Remember how stressed out and irritated you get rummaging through tangled hangers for that blazer that was just staring you in the face days ago?

Melanie Fascitelli, author of *Shop Your Closet*, shows us how to organize.

Edit your wardrobe

"The first thing you need to do is get yourself a partner, someone you trust, to help you



Melanie Fascitelli CONTRIBUTED

Re-use and recycle

Once you figure out what you're keeping and what's going, find a consignment store. "It's green — you're recycling your clothing," says Fascitelli, who likes Linda's Stuff on eBay. She also suggests giving directly to a charity.

edit," says Fascitelli.

"This person is someone who is going to tell you the truth, whose style you admire and who has a good eye for your own personal style. Editing or culling your wardrobe

Get rid of that bridesmaid dress already

"Editing or culling your wardrobe is not only about finding things that you haven't worn in one of two years but also asking, 'Would I buy this today?'"

Melanie Fascitelli, author of *Shop Your Closet*

is not only about finding things that you haven't worn in one or two years but also asking, "Would I buy this today?"

Colour code

Sort your clothes by colour and type. Keep pants with pants and skirts with skirts, and then organize each category from light to dark, says Fascitelli.

"This is a visual merchandising trick that makes your eye follow the colour. It's easier to get to your stuff this way."

It's all about the hangers

"The least expensive thing you can do to get your closet organized and cleaned up is to buy all the same style and colour hanger," says Fascitelli, who prefers using a neutral colour.

For her product line, Closette Too, she says they spent years developing the perfect hanger.

"It's a skinny, soft hanger in five different styles for all different types of garments," she says of the end product.

"And they have very short drops, so you're not just saving on horizontal space but vertical [too]."

To fold or to hang?

The general rule is "hang everything you can," says Fascitelli.

If you don't have too much space on your closet rod, the items she specifically feels should be hung are coats,

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Desperate mother

Dear Desperate mother, Do not fear! There is a solution! As with all stain removal, it comes down to a little knowledge of chemistry. I stopped taking chemistry in Grade 10 (big mistake!).

Now, deep breath, this is actually relatively easy: A great grass remover that I have used in the past is equal parts of:



All that grass is a stain-removal challenge waiting to happen. ISTOCK IMAGES

- White Vinegar
- PH neutral dish soap
- Water

Shake all of the above well and pour onto the spot.

With a soft brush, remove any excess grass, dirt or mud from the garment.

Soak the stained area for at least an hour, then

sponge the stain area with additional 50/50 solution lightly to remove the stain.

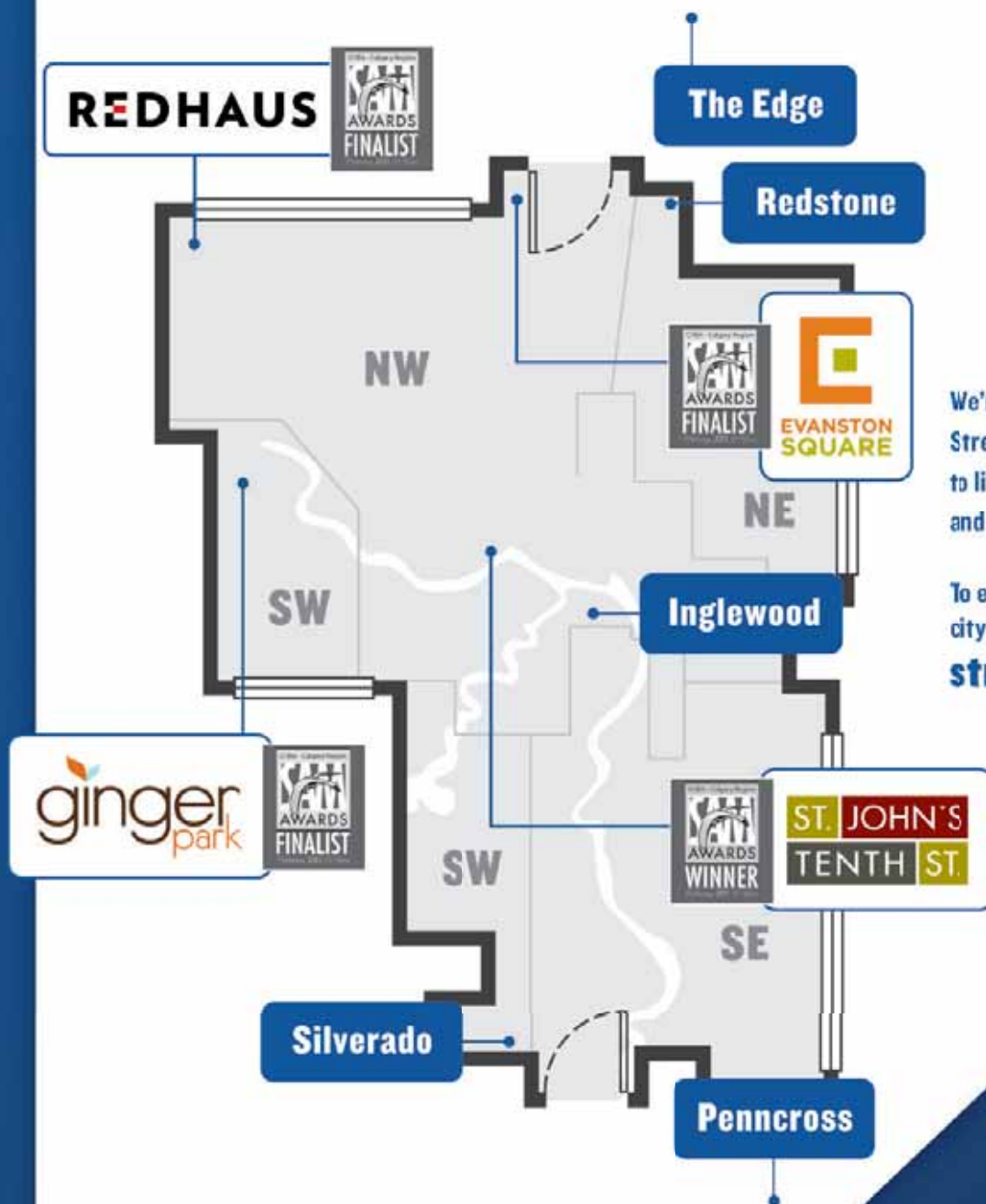
Let stand a few minutes then launder as usual. But remember; if the grass stain does not come out, don't put it into the dryer. Treat the stain again and re-wash.

This should do the trick.

Remember that on the PH scale, with acid on one side and alkaline on the other, vinegar, which is an acid, is good to remove grass stains. Baking soda and borax that are alkaline are bad.

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Dazzle your guests by giving them their first taste of cherry season

Making and baking a traditional pie crust is more challenging than this open-concept cherry tart pastry. The cornmeal adds an extra dimension to the crust, as do the almond-flavoured macaroon cookies.

1. In food processor, pulse flour with cornmeal, sugar and salt. Add butter and pulse until it is the size of peas with a few larger pieces. Drizzle with 3 tbsp (45 ml) water. Pulse until mixture is moistened, adding remaining water by 1/2 tsp (2 ml) if needed. Pulse just until dough starts to gather into a ball. Then turn out onto work surface. Gather and knead gently to bring together. Shape into disc and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for one hour.

2. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On a lightly floured surface roll dough very thinly into a circle measuring about 12 inches (30 cm). Don't worry if it's not perfect. Discard any excess dough. Carefully wrap dough around rolling pin and transfer to parchment paper. Sprinkle macaroons in



Cornmeal adds extra dimension to this crust. NEWS CANADA

centre of circle, leaving a two-inch (3.5-cm) border.

3. Place cherries in bowl along with orange peel, sugar, cinnamon and almond extract. Stir well to evenly distribute orange

peel. Turn cherry mixture onto cherries to enclose, leaving circle about five inches (12.5 cm) in the middle so that you can still see fruit. Whisk egg yolk with 1 tbsp (15 ml) water then

brush over pastry. Sprinkle pastry with sugar. Bake on bottom shelf of preheated oven until a golden colour, about 20 to 23 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Delicious with whipped cream or ice

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cup (325 ml) all purpose flour
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) cornmeal
- 2 tsp (10 ml) granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) ice water (approx)
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely crumbled Italian macaroons
- 4 cups (1l) California cherries, pitted
- 2 tsp (10 ml) orange peel
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) almond extract (optional)

Glaze:

- 1 egg yolk
- 1 tsp (5 ml) granulated sugar
- Whipped cream or ice cream (optional)

cream. NEWS CANADA/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA

Cookbook of the Week

Sinfully Easy Delicious Desserts



In her book *Sinfully Easy Delicious Desserts*, Alice Medrich proves that fabulous desserts don't have to require hours of prep.

Not only does the book boast more than 100 ideas for spur-of-the-moment desserts that don't involve baking, it also has tips on seven must-have baking tools, magic ingredients and a guide to the dessert maker's basic pantry.

Meanwhile, foolproof recipes include: Grilled Pineapple with Coffee Ice Cream, Lemon-Scented Peach Crisp, Salted-Caramel Banana Bread Pudding, Coconut Pecan Torte, Bittersweet Brownie Drops, Classic Carrot Cake and more. METRO

Indulge in a classic Sour Cream Coffee Cake

In this recipe, you can substitute walnuts for the pecans if you like, and even add coconut or a bit of chocolate to the batter, which is rich and moist without being heavy.

The cake is even better baked the day before, eliminating the work the day you want

to serve it.

Because it works well for brunch, try serving it with a savory sausage-egg strata that can be assembled the night before and baked just before you want to eat. Add fruit salad and you have a perfectly delicious and perfectly balanced brunch.

1. Heat the oven to 325 F. Coat a 12-cup (large) Bundt pan with a bit of vegetable oil or cooking spray (do not use baking spray).

2. Batter: In bowl, combine butter and sugar. Use an electric mixer to beat until light and fluffy. Add sour cream, eggs and vanilla, then mix again until well incorporated.

3. Measure and sift together the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Add flour mix to butter-sugar mix a little at a time, mixing between additions and scraping the sides of the bowl as needed, until well mixed. Set aside.

4. Filling: In bowl combine pecans, brown sugar, granulated sugar, cinnamon and salt. Mix well. Spoon shallow layer of the filling mix over the bottom of the Bundt pan. Spoon half

the batter into the pan over the filling. Sprinkle all but 1/4 cup of the remaining filling evenly over the batter.

5. Pour the rest of the batter over the filling, smoothing it with a silicone spatula. Sprinkle with the remaining filling.

6. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until the cake pulls away from sides and a toothpick inserted at the centre comes out clean. Start testing for doneness after the cake has baked for 40 minutes since ovens and pans vary in the way they bake. Remove from oven and transfer cake pan to a cooling rack. Let cool before slicing.

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Ingredients

Batter

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 1/4 cups sour cream (not light or non-fat)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups sifted flour (sift before measuring)
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon fine-grain sea salt

Cinnamon-sugar filling

- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- Pinch of sea salt



This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NFL

Players allege cap 'conspiracy'

The players' union claimed Wednesday that the NFL imposed a secret salary cap during the uncapped 2010 season that cost the players at least \$1 billion US. The complaint claims a "conspiracy" was made by owners to set a \$123-million cap. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

Vigneault staying in Vancouver

Speculation on Alain Vigneault's future with the Vancouver Canucks ended when the veteran coach signed a contract extension with the club on Wednesday. The Canucks posted the NHL's best record the last two seasons under Vigneault, but his status was unclear after



Alain Vigneault GETTY IMAGES

being bounced in the first round of the playoffs by Los Angeles. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NHL

"I believe I coached with tomorrow in mind as opposed to today and that might have hurt me."



Tom Renney on Wednesday. The Oilers, a team nearing the end of a lengthy rebuild, decided not to renew Renney's contract last week.

NBA

James tops defensive team

LeBron James was the leading vote-getter for the NBA's all-defensive team. Thunder forward Serge Ibaka, Clippers guard Chris Paul, Grizzlies guard Tony Allen and Magic centre Dwight Howard joined James on the first team Wednesday.

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Devils put Rangers on ropes

NHL. New Jersey a win away from cup final after Game 5 victory in New York

Ryan Carter snapped a tie with 4:24 left, and the New Jersey Devils survived for a 5-3 victory over the New York Rangers after squandering a three-goal lead in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals on Wednesday night.

The Devils, who led 3-0 before the first period was half over, have a 3-2 edge in the series and can advance to face the Los Angeles Kings in the Stanley Cup finals with a win at home on Friday night. If the Rangers can stay alive, Game 7 would be back in Madison Square Garden on Sunday.

The Devils seemed primed for an easy win when Stephen Gionta and Patrik Elias scored in the first 4:13 of the game. Travis Zajac made it 3-0 before the Rangers woke up and began chipping away.

Brandon Prust brought New York within 3-1 before the first period was over, and Ryan Callahan made it a one-goal game in the first minute of the second. The Garden really rocked when Marian Gaborik tied it 3-3 just 17 seconds into the third with his first goal of the series.

But the comeback was all for naught. Carter put the

Game 5	
5	3
Devils	Rangers

Devils back in front, and Zach Parise sealed it with an empty-net goal in the closing seconds. "I thought we probably played our best game of the series tonight," Rangers coach John Tortorella said.

Once Gaborik tied it with an unassisted goal that ricocheted off the skate of goalie Martin Brodeur, it appeared the Rangers would ride the comeback all the way to one of the most stirring wins in team history — one that would rival victories over New Jersey in the classic 1994 East finals.

Carter made sure it wouldn't happen.

Ilya Kovalchuk knocked Michael Del Zotto off the puck in the right corner, and Gionta sent a pass in front to Carter — who had just charged in front from the bench — for a quick shot that beat Henrik Lundqvist.

"You have to (keep it together) this time of year," Gionta said. "You have to have a short memory. Fortunately we did and came out with the victory."

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New Jersey's Stephen Gionta celebrates a first-period goal on Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist on Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conquering Kings set sights on Stanley



The Kings celebrate their game-winning goal Tuesday in Glendale, Arizona. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The crowd was dozens deep and hundreds wide, screaming and chanting and surrounding the Los Angeles Kings' cars as they drove home after writing another chapter in the mostly empty book that holds their franchise history.

About 4,000 fans showed up at LAX Wednesday morning to welcome the Western Conference champions back from Arizona. Even Game 5 hero Dustin Penner was awestruck.

"It was like driving down a hallway lined with human flesh," said Penner, who scored the overtime goal that sent the Kings to the Stanley Cup final.

Quoted

"That was a great team effort to get to where we are right now. I couldn't be happier for this group of guys."

Jonathan Quick, Kings goaltender.

"You couldn't see anything except people.... It's not something that anyone will forget, ever, on this Kings team."

A remarkable story is unfolding in Los Angeles, and it's happening at the ideal time.

Few NHL teams have ever peaked in the post-season more perfectly than the eighth-seeded Kings, and now they're four wins away from the franchise's first title.

After a regular season rocked by struggles and major changes, the eighth-seeded Kings have turned into the powerhouse they expected to be all along. Los Angeles needed only a league record-tying 14 playoff games to reach its first cup final since 1993, outscoring its opponents 41-22 and culminating with a five-game win over the Coyotes.

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4 SPORTS

Cycling

"Now, I think Ryder Hesjedal is the great favourite. Today he was able not to lose any seconds, and if the gaps stay like this ... I won't have any chance against him in the Milan individual time trial."

Joaquin Rodriguez, who won the tough 17th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Wednesday to keep his grip on the overall lead. Victoria native Ryder Hesjedal remained 30 seconds behind Rodriguez in the race for the pink jersey, which the Spaniard will wear for a seventh day on Thursday.

NBA playoffs

76ers force Celtics to 7

Jrue Holiday scored 20 points, and Elton Brand had 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead the tough and determined Philadelphia 76ers past the Celtics, 82-75, on Wednesday night to send the Eastern Conference semifinals back to Boston for Game 7. The 76ers have won consecutive games in the series.

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On the web



World and Olympic records have already fallen at the feet of Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt. So how does he plan to top himself in London? By improving on his only weakness. Scan the code for the story.

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	28	17	.622	—
Tampa Bay	27	18	.600	1
Toronto	24	21	.533	4
New York	20	23	.465	4 1/2
Boston	22	22	.500	5 1/2
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	25	18	.581	—
Chicago	22	22	.500	3 1/2
Detroit	20	23	.465	5
Kansas City	17	26	.395	8
Minnesota	15	28	.349	10
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	27	18	.600	—
Oakland	22	23	.489	5
Seattle	21	25	.457	6 1/2
Los Angeles	20	25	.444	7

Yesterday's results
Tampa Bay 5 Toronto 4 (11 innings)
Boston 6 Baltimore 5
Chicago White Sox 6 Minnesota 0
Cleveland 4 Detroit 2
L.A. Angels 3 Oakland 1 (11 innings)
N.Y. Yankees 8 Kansas City 3
Seattle 5 Texas 3
Tuesday's results
N.Y. Yankees 3 Kansas City 2
Tampa Bay 8 Toronto 5
Baltimore 4 Boston 1
Cleveland 5 Detroit 3
L.A. Angels 5 Oakland 0
Minnesota 9 Chicago White Sox 2
Texas 3 Seattle 1
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit (Verlander 5-1) at Cleveland (Masterson 1-3), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (DeVries 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Humber 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 1-5) at Seattle (Vargas 5-3), 10:10 p.m.

RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 4 (11 INNINGS)									
Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
KJnnss 2b	5	0	1	0	C.Pena 1b	3	2	1	0
Vizquel 3b	0	0	0	0	BUpston cf	6	1	3	1
YEScor ss	5	0	1	0	Joyce rf	3	1	0	1
Bautist rf	5	2	2	1	Sutton 3b-2b	4	0	2	2
Encm dh	4	1	2	2	Scott dh	3	0	1	1
Arenci c	5	0	0	0	EJnnss ss	3	0	0	0
Thams lf	5	0	1	0	Rhymss 2b	3	0	0	0
Lavrie 3b	5	1	1	0	SRdrgz ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Rasmus cf	5	0	2	0	Gimencz c	2	0	0	0
YGams 1b	3	0	0	1	Vogt ph	1	0	0	0
JMolin c	1	0	0	0					
Thmps lf	4	1	0	0					
Totals	42	4	10	4	Totals	34	5	7	5
Toronto	100	010	020	00—4					
Tampa Bay	202	000	000	01—5					
One out when winning run scored.									
E—E. Johnson (3), LOB—Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 11, 2B—K. Johnson (3), Bautista (4), C. Pena (8), B. Upton 2 (8), Sutton (2), 3B—Rasmus (8), HR—Bautista (12), Encarnacion (14), SB—Rasmus (2), B. Upton (10), CS—Thompson (1), S—E. Johnson, SF—Y. Gomes.									
Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
R. Romero	6	2	4	4	7	7			
Fraser	2-3	1	0	0	0	1			
L. Perez	1-3	0	0	0	0	1			
Cordero	1	1	0	0	0	0			
Janssen	1	2	0	0	0	1			
Oliver L.O-2	11-3	1	1	1	1	3			
Tampa Bay									
Shields	71-3	7	3	2	1	10			
Jo. Peralta BS, 3-5	2-3	2	1	1	0	1			
Rodney	2	1	0	0	0	1			
McGee W, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2			
T—3:57, A—11:471 (34,078) at St. Petersburg, Fla.									

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	26	18	.591	—
Atlanta	26	19	.578	1/2
Miami	24	20	.545	2
New York	24	20	.545	2
Philadelphia	22	23	.489	4 1/2
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	25	19	.568	—
Cincinnati	24	19	.558	1/2
Houston	21	23	.477	4
Pittsburgh	20	24	.455	5
Milwaukee	18	26	.409	7
Colorado	15	29	.341	10
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	30	13	.698	—
San Francisco	23	21	.523	7 1/2
Arizona	19	25	.432	11 1/2
Colorado	16	27	.372	14
San Diego	16	29	.356	15

Yesterday's results
Cincinnati 2 Atlanta 1
Colorado 8 Miami 4
Houston 5 Chicago Cubs 1
N.Y. Mets 3 Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 8 San Francisco 5
Philadelphia 4 Washington 1
St. Louis 6 San Diego 3
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona
Tuesday's results
Cincinnati 4 Atlanta 3
Houston 2 Chicago Cubs 1
L.A. Dodgers 8 Arizona 7
Miami 7 Colorado 6
N.Y. Mets 3 Pittsburgh 2
San Francisco 6 Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 4 San Diego 0
Washington 5 Philadelphia 2
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Atlanta (Delgado 2-4) at Cincinnati (Bailey 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Stults 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Hefner 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Vogelsong 2-2) at Miami (A. Sanchez 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Blanton 4-4) at St. Louis (Westbrook 4-3), 8:15 p.m.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA

At Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
Yesterday's results
Stage 17 — 186 kilometres
1. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, five hours, 24 minutes, 41 seconds; 2. Ivan Basso, Italy, Liquigas, same time; 3. **Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Barracuda, s.t.**; 4. Rigoberto Uran Uran, Colombia, Sky Procycling, s.t.; 5. Michele Scarpini, Italy, Lampre, s.t.; 6. Domenico Pozzovivo, Italy, Colnago, two seconds behind; 7. Benat Inbausti, Spain, Movistar, 1:22; 8. Daniel Moreno Fernandez, Spain, Katusha, s.t.; 9. Thomas De Gendt, Belgium, Vacansoleil, s.t.; 10. Johann Tschopp, Switzerland, BMC Racing, s.t.
Other Canadians — 129. Christian Meier, Sussex, N.B., Orica-GreenEdge, 38:26 behind; 147. Svein Tuft, Langley, B.C., FDJ-Big Mat, s.t.; 152. Dominique Rollin, Boucherville, Que., Orica-GreenEdge, s.t.
Overall Standings
1. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 74 hours, 46 minutes, 46 seconds; 2. **Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Barracuda, 30 seconds behind;** 3. Ivan Basso, Italy, Liquigas, 1:22; 4. Michele Scarpini, Italy, Lampre, 1:36; 5. Rigoberto Uran Uran, Colombia, Sky Procycling, 2:56.
Other Canadians — 123. Dominique Rollin, Boucherville, Que., Orica-GreenEdge, 2:46:49; 136. Christian Meier, Sussex, N.B., Orica-GreenEdge, 3:02:29; 157. Svein Tuft, Langley, B.C., FDJ-Big Mat, 3:30:05.

TENNIS

ATP OPEN DE NICE COTE D'AZUR

At Nice, France
Singles — Second Round
John Isner (1), U.S., def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).
Gilles Simon (2), France, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 6-3, 6-3.
Nicolas Almagro (3), Spain, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Brian Baker, U.S., def. Gael Monfilis (4), France, 6-3, 7-6 (9).
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Bernard Tomic (5), Australia, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Denis Istomin (7), Uzbekistan, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.
Thomas Bellucci, Brazil, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.
Doubles — Quarter-finals
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Daniele Bracciali, Italy, and Jamie Murray, Britain, 4-6, 6-2, 10-7 (tiebreak).
Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (3), Netherlands, def. Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram, U.S., 6-3, 6-2.

ATP TEAM WORLD CUP

At Dueseldorf, Germany
BLUE GROUP
Serbia 2, Russia 0
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Alex Bogomolov Jr., Russia, 6-1, 6-3.
Dmitry Tursunov and Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, def. Mikil Jankovic and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, 7-5, 7-6 (6).
Germany 3, Croatia 0
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Lovro Zovko, Croatia, 6-2, 7-6 (2).
Christopher Kas and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Ivan Dodig and Lovro Zovko, Croatia, 6-4, 1-6, 10-3.
RED GROUP
Argentina 3, Japan 0
Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 6-3, 6-4.
Juan Pablo Brzezicki and Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, def. Tatsuma Ito and Go Soeda, Japan, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 10-7.

WTA INTERNATIONALS DE STRASBOURG

At Strasbourg, France
Singles — Second Round
Francesca Schiavone (2), Italy, def. Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, 6-1, 6-2.
Anabel Medina Garrigues (4), Spain, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 7-6 (9), 7-6 (2).
Johanna Larsson, Sweden, def. Tamira Paszek (8), Austria, 6-2, 6-0.
Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
Sloane Stephens, U.S., def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Pauline Parmentier, France, def. Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 6-1, 6-3.
Alize Cornet, France, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

FRENCH OPEN QUALIFYING
At Paris
Women's Singles — Second Round
Heidi El Tabakh, Burlington, Ont., def. Amandine Hesse, France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
Heather Watson (5), Britain, def. Sharon Fichman, Toronto, 6-1, 6-2.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern
EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(New Jersey leads series 3-2)
Last night's result
New Jersey 5 N.Y. Rangers 3
Tomorrow's game
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
PHOENIX (3) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles wins series 4-1)
Tuesday's result
Los Angeles 4 Phoenix 3 (OT)
STANLEY CUP FINAL
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, May 30
Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers/New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

DEVILS 5, RANGERS 3

First Period
1. New Jersey, Gionta 3 (Fayne, Bernier) 2:43
2. New Jersey, Elias 4 (Henrique, Kovalchuk) 4:13
3. New Jersey, Zajac 7 (Parise, Salvador) 9:49
4. N.Y. Rangers, Prust 1 (Fedotenko, Stepan) 15:41
Penalty — Fayne NJ (boarding) 10:08.
Second Period
5. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 5 (Anisimov, Dubinsky) 0:32
Penalties — Zubrus NJ (hooking) 3:12, Prust NYR (slashing) 7:19, Harrold NJ (roughing), Prust NYR (unsportsmanlike conduct) 9:32, Fedotenko NYR (boarding) 15:51.
Third Period
6. N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 5, 0:17
7. New Jersey, Carter 3 (Gionta, Zidlicky) 15:36
8. New Jersey, Parise 7 (Kovalchuk, Fayne) 19:28 (en)
Penalties — Bernier NJ, Del Zotto NYR (unsportsmanlike conduct) 19:55.
Shots on goal by
New Jersey 6 5 6 — 17
N.Y. Rangers 9 11 8 — 28
Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,11-5); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (L,10-9). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 0-2; N.Y. Rangers: 0-2.
Attendance — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	9	16
Kovalchuk, NJ	6	10	16
Kopitar, LA	6	9	15
Parise, NJ	7	7	14
B.Richards, NYR	6	8	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Zajac, NJ	7	5	12
Gaborik, NYR	4	7	11
M.Richards, LA	4	7	11
Girard, NYR	3	8	11
Salvador, NJ	3	8	11
J.Williams, LA	2	9	11
McDonald, STL	5	5	10
Vermette, Phx	5	5	10
Clarkson, NY	3	7	10
Anisimov, NYR	3	7	10
Penner, LA	3	7	10
Del Zotto, NYR	2	8	10
Doughty, LA	2	8	10
Henrique, NJ	2	8	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Phx	6	3	9
Callahan, NYR	5	4	9
Doan, Phx	5	4	9

HOCKEY

MEMORIAL CUP

CANADIAN MAJOR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
At Shawinigan, Que.
All Times Eastern
ROUND ROBIN

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-London (OHL)	3	2	1	11	10	4
Saint John (QMJHL)	3	2	1	12	8	4
Shawinigan (host)	3	1	2	10	10	2
Edmonton (WHL)	3	1	2	7	12	2

x — clinched berth in Sunday's championship.
Last night's result
Saint John 4 Shawinigan 1
End of Round Robin
Tuesday's result
London 4 Edmonton 1
Tonight's game
Tiebreaker
Edmonton vs. Shawinigan, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
SEMIFINAL
Saint John vs. Tiebreaker winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
CHAMPIONSHIP
London vs. Semifinal winner, 7 p.m.

SEA DOGS 4, CATARACTES 1

First Period
1. Saint John, Huberdeau 3 (Coyle) 4:19
2. Saint John, Gallee 1 (Huberdeau, Beaulieu) 19:29 (pp)
Penalties — Beaulieu Sjn 6:53, Bergeron Sha (slashing), MacAuley Sjn (high-sticking) 13:58, Ellis Sha (high-sticking) 18:08, Morin Sha (hooking) 19:05.
Second Period
3. Saint John, Tesink 3 (Beaulieu) 16:05
4. Shawinigan, Zlobin 2 (Chaput, Ellis) 18:55 (pp)
Penalties — Ellis Sha, Gauthier Sjn (roughing), Huberdeau Sjn (tripping) 2:52, Bournival Sha, Tesink Sjn (roughing) 4:26, Veilleux Sha, Jurco Sjn (roughing) 11:16, Phillips Sjn (slashing) 17:08.
Third Period
5. Saint John, Huberdeau 4 (Gauthier, Roussel) 18:28 (en)
Penalties — Bournival Sha, Huberdeau Sjn (delay of game) 7:02, Gormley Sha, Beaulieu Sjn (roughing after whistle) 9:00, Racine Sha (elbowing) 12:36, Chaput Sha (checking from behind) 15:58, Arceneau Sha, West Sjn (fighting), Donnelly Sha (misconduct) 19:18, Racine Sha, Grand-Maison Sha, Saab Sjn (roughing) 19:50, Roussel Sjn (roughing) 19:57, LeSieur Sha (roughing), Kelly Sjn (cross-checking, roughing) 20:00.
Shots on goal by
Shawinigan 11 9 11 — 31
Saint John 12 15 11 — 38
Goal — Shawinigan: Girard (L,1-1); Saint John: Corbeil (W,2-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Shawinigan: 1-3, Saint John: 1-5.
Attendance — 4,687 at Shawinigan, Que.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Huberdeau, Sjn	4	2	6
Chaput, Sha	3	3	6
Gormley, Sha	2	2	4
Watson, Ldn	2	2	4
Samuelsson, Edm	1	3	4
Coyle, Sjn	0	4	4
Tesink, Sjn	3	0	3
Doml, Ldn	1	2	3
Griffith, Ldn	1	2	3
Legault, Edm	1	2	3
Poudrier, Sha	1	2	3
Roussel, Sjn	1	2	3
Beaulieu, Sjn	0	3	3

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	13	8	3	3	26	18	26
D.C. United	14	7	4	3	25	17	24
Kansas City	11	7	3	1	15	9	22
Chicago	11	5	3	3	14	13	18
Columbus	11	3	4	3	11	12	15
Houston	10	3	3	4	10	11	13
New England	11	4	6	1	14	15	13
Montreal	12	3	6	3	13	18	12
Philadelphia	10	2	6	2	8	13	8
Toronto	9	0	9	0	7	21	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	13	8	3	2	19	12	26
San Jose	12	7	2	3	23	13	24
Seattle	12	7	3	2	15	8	23
Vancouver	11	5	3	3	12	13	18
Colorado	12	5	6	1	17	16	16
Chivas USA	12	4	6	2	8	13	14
Dallas	14	3	7	4	13	21	13
Portland	11	3	5	3	11	14	12
Los Angeles	11	3	6	2	12	16	11

Last night's results
Chicago 2 Dallas 1
New York 1 Chivas USA 1
Columbus 2 Seattle 0
San Jose at Los Angeles
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Los Angeles at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
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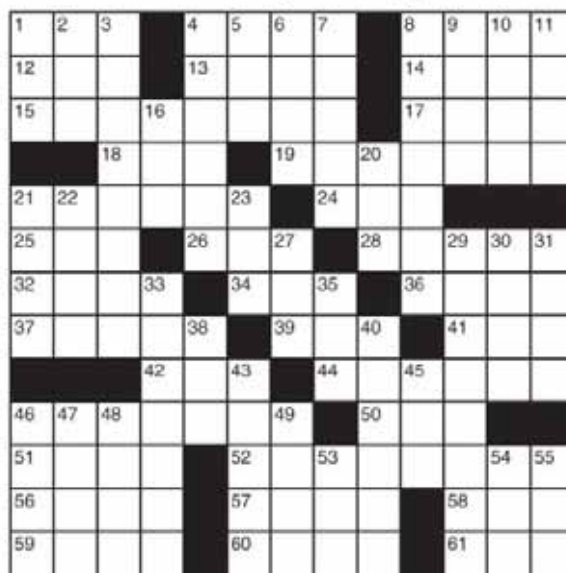
Crossword

Across

- 1 Suitable
- 4 Antitoxins
- 8 Govt. employees
- 12 Private address?
- 13 Mideast airline
- 14 Detail
- 15 Overflowing
- 17 Waikiki wing-ding
- 18 Cover
- 19 Sudden big profit
- 21 Dormant
- 24 "Opus —"
- 25 "The Greatest"
- 26 Encountered
- 28 Erstwhile Peruvians
- 32 "Monopoly" payment
- 34 Corn spike
- 36 Steps leading to the Ganges
- 37 Kelly's cohort
- 39 Front of the ship
- 41 George's brother
- 42 Privy
- 44 The Pequod, e.g.
- 46 Star status
- 50 Under the weather
- 51 Jai —
- 52 Old British coin
- 56 Pelt
- 57 Architect Saarinen
- 58 Ultra-modernist
- 59 Suspend
- 60 Abound

Down

- 1 Pompous fool
- 2 "Great Expectations" lad
- 3 Literary critic Lionel
- 4 Hardly ever
- 5 Inventor Whitney
- 6 Standing
- 7 Cold
- 8 Cavity remedy
- 9 Needle case
- 10 Jerry's longtime partner
- 11 Complacent
- 16 Abner's adjective
- 20 Mainlanders' me-memento
- 21 Klinger portrayer
- 22 Sheltered
- 23 Teeny
- 27 Bill
- 29 Like horror movies
- 30 Swiss river
- 31 Constellation component
- 33 Farm chore
- 35 Tier
- 38 — disant
- 40 Erstwhile
- 43 Beginning
- 45 Every last crumb
- 46 Wild party



- 47 Chase of Hollywood lore
- 48 Reclined
- 49 Clarified butter

- 53 Rage
- 54 Teachers' org.
- 55 Sailor

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

RNWXRUFT YT YGMOLG'R
DXZ ZLGL RALLQAE CLRUTLC.
U FNLRR UH JUFQH DL
QTXZT YR YGGXZ-CETYJUM.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVING RECENTLY
STARTED ON HER WICKER BASKET PROJECT,
SHE REPORTED "WEAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S



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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

If you have something worth saying — and you do — people will listen no matter how unconventional your message may be.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You believe that fate has not been fair to you. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and make your talents pay.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Mercury, your ruler, joins the Sun in your sign today. It means a new start and a new life is possible.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

If you use your imagination today, you will come up with a solution to a problem that has been annoying you for months, maybe years.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Any place where there is music and laughter will attract you like a moth to the flame over the next 24 hours.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Changes in your working life will be forced on you over the next few weeks but you must not resist them. They're changes for the better.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Mercury in Gemini will make it easy for you to change an idea or an opinion that is past its sell-by date.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

While other people were changing their minds every few minutes you resolutely stuck to your guns — and now it's about to pay off.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Yes, other people may have the upper hand but that does not mean you cannot do your own thing.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

This is the perfect time to start a new health or fitness program. You know what your goal is.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

You can afford to take risks. You can afford to bend the rules a little. Put a name to your dream and go after it.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You are in the mood to make changes but if they are likely to affect other people you must consult them first. They won't stand in your way.

SALLY BROMPTON

Weather

TODAY



MAX: 7°
MIN: 4°

FRIDAY



MAX: 12°
MIN: 2°

SATURDAY



MAX: 13°
MIN: 3°



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